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Not to Oppose German Occupation.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Berlin correspondent of The Daily Mail says he hears that Great Britain agrees not to oppose Germany's occupation of Kiao Chau in return for Germany's promise not to interfere in the Egyptian question. According to a dispatch from Shanghai to the same paper, the Germans are extending the area of occupation at Kiao Chau and now control 100 square miles. They have arranged a German administration and are already collecting duties. The Tsung li Yemen, says the dispatch, has appointed a prince to negotiate a settlement with the Germans.

Another Wreck on the Central.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 13.—A bad freight wreck occurred on the New York Central five miles north of Poughkeepsie. No lives were lost. The fireman was hurt, but not seriously. All traffic was blocked and through trains were run over the Harlem division, special trains being made up north and south of the wreck to make local stops. Fourteen freight cars were wedged into the cut where the accident occurred.

Barns Burned at Meriden.

MERIDEN, Conn., Dec. 13.—The main barn at the state school for boys was destroyed by fire and two smaller barns adjoining were damaged to a considerable extent. The loss is about $20,000. Seventy-one head of cattle, 71 tons of hay and the wagons and carriages belonging to the institution were all destroyed. The property was insured.

Secure Many Mines.

[illegible]ND, B. C., Dec. 13.—A cable [illegible]n states that the British-[illegible]rporation has floated £1,- secured the Le Roi, Josie Rossland mines; also [illegible]nercial company, the [illegible]n City and claims on [illegible]do, Bear and other

A Mysterious Disappearance.

COUNCIL BLUFFS Ia., Dec. 13.—R. N. Whittlesey, surveyor of customs for the port of Council Bluffs, has disappeared under circumstances that lead to the conclusion that he is a heavy defaulter. He secured from a local importer on Thursday $2,100 to cover duty on a consignment instead of sending the money to the subtreasury at Chicago he took it home with him. He left the house that evening and has not since been seen. Recently he admitted to friends that he was short in his accounts with the government and secured some money to help him settle. His books cannot be found.

Wage Question In Fall River.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 13.—Nearly all the ministers of the Fall River churches referred yesterday to the threatened cutdown of the mill hands' wages. The question of a similar cut in the salaries of superintendents and treasurers, which is of greatest interest to the employees, also was spoken of, and one pastor, the Rev. William Knight of the Central Congregational church, offered to reduce his own salary 10 per cent if a similar reduction would be agreed to by the mill officials.

Sentenced to Life Imprisonment.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 13.—David Davidson, the Randsburg wife murderer, has been convicted of murder in the first degree, with the penalty of life imprisonment. He is said to be the son of a prominent St. Louis physician. The defense was insanity, and during the trial Davidson appeared oblivious to his surroundings, but experts declared that he was shamming.

Haiti's Ministry Out.

PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 13.—The entire ministry has resigned. As yet the composition of its successor has not been definitely settled, but several well known names are mentioned that would command the confidence of Haitians and foreigners alike.

RELICS FOUND.

Interesting Discoveries Made Relating to the Mound Builders.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 13.—Interesting relics of prehistoric times has been discovered on the banks of the Chippewa river, in northern Wisconsin, just between Maple and Potato creeks. A party of hunters discovered three mounds at this spot whose curious appearance and symmetrical construction at once indicated that they were the work of the Mound Builders. The skull and leg bones of a human being were found close to the bottom of the mound and were taken out in fairly good condition.

The skull was as large around as a half bushel measure, and Dr. McCormick estimated the height of the man, judging by the bones of the leg, to be at least nine feet and six inches. The skull and chest of another skeleton, much smaller than the first, probably a woman, were found beside the other.

While excavating, there was picked up a slender rod of copper, finely molded and as rigid as a piece of steel. The rod is about double the thickness of a shoemaker's needle and nearly 13 inches long. So finely tempered is the copper that the strongest man could not bend or break it.

Protest Against Paxson.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—The United Labor league, at a meeting last night, passed a resolution authorizing the officers of the league to send a protest to President McKinley against the appointment of ex-Chief Justice Paxson as a member of the interstate commerce commission. The grounds for the protest grew out of an opinion rendered by Mr. Paxson when he was chief justice of the supreme court of this state in relation to the Homestead strike. The protest will state that Mr. Paxson's appointment will be an insult not alone to organized labor in this city and state, but to every workingman in the United States. The discussion over the protest was spirited, and before the motion was agreed to personalities were exchanged with so much liberality that the presiding officer refused to allow several members to speak.

Missionary Seriously Ill.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Cable messages received here are to the effect that Rev. David A. Day, D. D., one of the best known missionaries of the general Lutheran synod of the United States, left the Royal hospital at Liverpool in a very critical condition and sailed for New York in the care of his wife. Dr. Day has been at Muhlenburg, Liberia, for 23 years, and has achieved eminent success in his missionary work there. Stricken down with African fever, he was obliged to go to England last October, but growing no better, he is returning to America with the hope of reaching here and laying the results of his work before the synod. His condition is such however, that death may come during the voyage

Tammany Enrolls Eustis.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Dec 13.—Richard Croker held the reins during a drive that may become historic, for he had as a companion former Embassador to France James B. Eustis and it was announced upon their return to the hotel that Mr. Eustis had agreed to accept an election to the general committee in the Twenty-fifth assembly district as a preliminary step to his selection as chairman of the general committee of Tammany Hall.

Postoffice Burned.

DURHAM, N. H., Dec. 13.—The postoffice, the general store of Alvin Jackson and the New Hampshire Agricultural college dormitory for women have been destroyed by fire. The postoffice fixtures and property were saved, while Jackson's stock and household goods were entirely consumed. The state owned the dormitory and postoffice building. Total loss about $7,000.

Novel Shipment of Livestock.

WATERVILLE, Me., Dec 13.—A $1,200 shipment of cats has been made to a Philadelphia merchant, who has conceived the novelty of placing them on sale in a big department store in the Quaker City The shipment included 100 kittens.

To Reduce Price of Typewriters.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Typewriter men here say that 1898 will see big cuts in the prices of machines. The high prices maintained by the trust have given the opposition companies opportunity to fight the trust with the latter's old machines.

Wanted to Hunt For Gold.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 13.—Three Jersey boys who said that they were on their way to the Klondike and carried each a pick and shovel have been intercepted here by the police. The boys are each about 14 years old.

To Engage Fewer Men.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 13.—The Delaware and Hudson Canal company has issued a circular announcing that only half the usual number of boatmen will hereafter be engaged, owing to the decrease in shipments of coal by canal.

To Probe Boston's Police.

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—Rev A. A. Berle, one of the most prominent clergymen of the city and chaplain of the Ancients, last night announced that the legislature will be asked to "Lexow" the Boston police commission.

Was Zanoli's Prospective Wife.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The young woman whom Charles Zanoli had selected for the dangerous honor of being his fifth wife was discovered yesterday to be Barbara Hafner, 25 years old, of 44 Morgan avenue, Brooklyn.

Rockefeller's Big Loss.

TACOMA, Dec. 13.—John D. Rockefeller is said to have lost an immense sum, estimated at $3,000,000, in the purchase and development of the Monte Cristo gold mines in Snohomish county.

THIS WEEK'S WORK.

What Is Mapped Out For the Senate and House.

DEBATE ON CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

The Immigration Bill Will Be Considered In the Senate, and That Body Will Probably Discuss the Census Bill Also.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—If the present programme is carried out congress will adjourn for the holiday recess next Saturday. The week in the house promises to be made memorable by the formal inauguration of the war against civil service. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which will be taken up tomorrow, contains the regular appropriations for the civil service commission. The whole civil service question will be dragged into the arena of debate. How long this debate will last it is impossible to predict, but as this is the only item in the bill which attracts much of a contest Chairman Cannon hopes and believes the bill can be passed before Saturday.

This latter day under an order made on Thursday has been set aside for paying tribute to the memory of the late Representative Cook of Illinois.

The work of the senate so far as it has been mapped out for the week includes the consideration of the immigration bill, which stands on the calendar as the unfinished business; the probable debate of the census bill and the pronouncing of eulogies upon the late Representative Holman of Indiana.

The general opinion among friends of the measure is that there will be no very strenuous opposition to the immigration bill and that it may be passed after a brief debate. When a similar bill was before the senate last session it had its principal opponent in Senator Gibson of Maryland and as he has retired from the senate the friends of the bill are hopeful that no one will be found who will feel called upon to champion the opposition. They remember, however, that when it was necessary in order to have the bill become a law to pass it over the president's veto the two-thirds vote requisite for that purpose could not be secured. Hence, while they are hopeful of the speedy and favorable consideration of the bill, they realize the possibility of delay on account of opposing speeches. There appears to be no reason to doubt that when the vote shall be reached the bill will pass.

By special arrangement between Senators Carter and Lodge, in charge respectively of the two bills the immigration bill will be temporarily displaced tomorrow in order to give Mr. Carter an opportunity to call up the bill providing for the next census. When this agreement was made on last Tuesday, Senator Carter expressed the opinion that very brief debate would be necessary to get the bill through, but there are now some indications that the civil service question will be raised in this connection, and if it should a prolonged debate may be inaugurated.

The friends of Hawaiian annexation on the committee on foreign relations are now expecting to ask the senate to take up the treaty during the week, though quite well aware of the impossibility of securing final action before the holidays. They are decided also upon taking the treaty up as such, instead of attempting to secure legislation on a joint resolution. They may postpone their request for consideration until January

The senate leaders express themselves as agreeable to the house programme for adjournment for the holidays on Saturday. The senate eulogies upon the late Representative Holman will be delivered on Friday.

Condemns the Railway.

PORT HURON, Mich. Dec 13.—The coroner's jury in the inquest on the accident in the St Clair tunnel Nov. 28, in which two men were suffocated, rendered a verdict censuring the Grand Trunk Railroad company for pulling too heavily loaded trains through the tunnel and also for not taking prompt action in rescuing the bodies of Conductor Arthur Dunn and Brakeman John Dalton. The jury also recommended that some system of signals be adopted for use inside of the tunnel.

Savage Assault at Lake George.

SARATOGA, Dec. 13.—William A Barrett, an insurance agent of Glens Falls, was locked up in the Warren county jail, charged with murderously assaulting Walter F. Welch, also of Glens Falls. Welch is in a critical condition. The assault occurred at Lake George, where Welch's mother and sister live, and it is understood the trouble grew out of Welch objecting to Barrett visiting Miss Welch.

Huge Spots on the Sun.

GENEVA, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Professor William R. Brooks of Smith observatory reports the observation of a great group of sun spots approaching the center of the sun's disk. The group is visible to the naked eye through smoked glass and may be well defined with small telescopes. Measurements made by Professor Brooks show this vast solar disturbance to be 100,000 miles in length.

More Gold From Australia.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The steamship Moana from Australia, due at this port Dec. 16, carries, according to cable advices, $1,375,000 in gold. This makes the fifth shipment from the same source in five months and brings up the total amount of gold sent here from Australia since August to $11,375,000.

Was Mark Twain's Brother.

KEOKUK, Ia., Dec. 13.—Orin Clemens, a brother of Mark Twain, died here, aged 72 years.

LIVES IN TROUBLE.

New Haven Detectives Make a Rich Find of Stolen Goods.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 13.—The local detective bureau is weaving a web about two alleged sneak thieves who apparently have operated in every city as far west as St. Louis.

John Heaney, the superintendent of motive power of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, captured Samuel Goldstein in his cellar. The detectives later arrested Max Josephs, the prisoner's half brother. The two men had lived together with their wives at 26 Oak street. In the apartment the police found about $900 worth of stolen articles. Six pocketbooks, with initials, were found secreted there. The detectives also found pawntickets for many articles of jewelry, much of which bore initials. Chemicals for testing jewelry and a suspicious looking outfit were also discovered.

In addition to these articles there is a long list of cuff buttons and watch charms pawned with Brooklyn dealers. The police have learned from the detective bureaus of St. Louis, New York and Philadelphia that both of the men are clever sneak thieves who have done their work systematically and moved from city to city. They were formerly in the tailoring business at 911 North Bank street, St. Louis.

A NOVEL SWINDLE.

New Confidence Game Worked on Sullivan County Farmers.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 13.—A new swindle has been practiced in Sullivan county during the last week, which has proved a bonanza to the stranger who worked it. The man visited many farmers through the county, exhibiting an enormous ear of corn, from which he sold choice kernels at twenty-five cents each. The variety, which was known as "The Pride of Egypt," was eagerly purchased by the farmers, who believed they were securing a remarkable variety of seed. A dozen kernels were usually sold in a place for $3

When the man called at a farmhouse near Cochecton yesterday a prospective purchaser began to dispute with the swindler regarding the variety of corn, finally resenting an insulting remark with a blow at the "agent," who took to his heels. In his haste the man dropped a package which was found to contain one of the large ears of corn. It had been made up from several smaller ears, cut up and glued together. The swindler has apparently made good his escape

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

William Jennings Bryan is well received in his trip through Mexico.

The funeral of the late Gardner Green Hubbard was held in Washington today.

A party of gold hunters have left Portsmouth, N. H., bound for the Klondike

A number of those who took part in the recent riots in Prague were sentenced to imprisonment

M. Rempler who had charge of the Panama canal scandal investigation, committed suicide in Paris.

There are rumors of a separation by the Count and Countess Castellane. The countess is a daughter of Jay Gould.

Fire in carpet salesrooms in Philadelphia did over $800,000 damage to the building and stock, fully covered by insurance

Samuel Mills of Johnstown, N. Y., shot and seriously wounded a man he caught paying attention to his wife He then fatally wounded himself.

W. L. Powers of New York, acting, it is believed, for ex-Secretary W. C. Whitney, bought the 2-year-old colt Hamburg from John E. Madden of Kentucky, paying $60,000.

Another Chicago Blaze.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—A fire originating in the basement of the six-story building at 108-112 Wabash avenue caused a loss of over $50,000 The flames started in the boiler room and spread rapidly through the cellar, filled with rubbish, which gave out a dense smoke. The first floor, which was occupied by the E. H. Sargent Drug company, was partially destroyed. This firm suffered a loss of $27,000 Losses to other tenants and damage to the building bring the total up to $70,000 fully insured. Thousands of sightseers blocked Wabash avenue and the elevated loop structure, causing much trouble to the police.

Searching For His Dead Son.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 13.—Walter C. Williams of Plainfield, N. J., was in the city on his way to Nantucket, where he will seek the body of his son, Harry B. Williams, who was lost from the steamer John Englis, Dec. 7, east of Horseshoe buoy, Nantucket shoals. The father has been informed that there is a possibility that the body will drift ashore at Nantucket. After visiting Nantucket Mr Williams will visit the shore towns along Cape Cod The lost man was 28 years old, five feet 11 inches tall had dark brown hair and dark mustache.

Hubby Must Return Jewels.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—In the queen's bench division of the high court of justice Mrs. Edith Walker successfully sued her husband, Mr. A. Barclay Walker, owner of the well known racing cutter Ailsa, to recover jewelry valued at £7,000.

Progress of the Newport.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec 13.—The gunboat Newport, with the members of the Nicaragua canal commission and a party of surveyors, bound from New York for Nicaragua, sailed yesterday for Greytown

Fire From Spontaneous Combustion.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 13.—The stockhouse connected with the Hecla mill of the Calumet and Hecla Woolen company, at Uxbridge, was burned last night, causing a loss of $5,000; insured, cause, spontaneous combustion.

END COMES AT LAST.

Mrs. Nancy McKinley Passes Peacefully to Rest.

THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE.

Services to Be Held In the Church She Attended—List of Those Who Will Be the Pallbearers—Brief Sketch of Her Life.

CANTON, O., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley died yesterday morning. All of her children and other immediate relatives were at her bedside when she breathed her last. She did not suffer any in her last hours, but gradually passed from the deep, palsied sleep in which she had rested almost constantly for the past 10 days into the sleep of death.

The end was most beautiful. Mrs. McKinley seemed to sleep so soundly that it was difficult to tell whether she had yet breathed her last. This condition continued for half an hour. She seemed to sleep her life away. Although the president and all of her family were by her side, there were no recognitions. Her last consciousness was hours before her final taking away.

Funeral services will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal church of this city at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will follow in West Lawn Cemetery, just west of the city, and in the evening President McKinley and wife and officials from Washington who attend the funeral will leave for the capital, reaching there about noon Wednesday.

It was at first thought by the family that the services should be of a more private nature, held at the old homestead. It was soon learned, however, through the pastor of Mrs. McKinley's church, and members of the congregation, as well as from other friends, that the number of friends who desired to pay their last tribute of respect to the beloved woman, by attending the obsequies, could not be accommodated with such arrangements, and church services were decided upon.

Rev. Dr. Manchester, the pastor of the church, has announced that it is his desire and that he will extend an invitation to have the ministers of all the churches, about 20 in number, occupy the pulpit and participate in the services.

Pallbearers have been selected from among the older members of the church and those who for years have been close neighbors of the deceased. They are Judge William R. Day, Hon. William A. Lynch, former Mayor R. A. Cassidy, L. L. Miller, W. W. Clark Judge T. J. McCarty, David Zobars and former Mayor John F. Blake

Mrs. McKinley was distinctively a home loving woman, and the two story frame cottage on West Tuscarawas street, in this city, where she died and where she had lived for many years, was dearer to her than any other spot on earth. There she spent her declining days with her daughter Helen and her granddaughter, Grace and James M Kinley receiving occasional visits from her other children seldom going out except to church, where she could be found every Sunday morning unless prevented by illness.

While showing a deep affection for her other children she had followed the career of William with pride and solicitude With fond motherly admiration she watched him rise from the position of prosecuting attorney of his own county by successive stages to congressman, governor and finally to the presidency.

Nancy Allison McKinley came of a family which was transplanted from England to the hills of Virginia The Allison family subsequently removed to Green county, Pa., where Abner Allison, Nancy's father, was born, and where he married Ann Campbell, of Scotch German descendants. Early in the present century Mr. and Mrs. Allison came from Pennsylvania to Columbiana county, this state, traveling by pack horses. In 1809 near the present city of Lisbon, Nancy Allison was born. Her girlhood was passed on the farm, and in 1827 she married William McKinley, a young iron manufacturer. The couple lived first at Fairfield and afterward at Niles and Poland before removing to Canton Nine children were born to them They were David Allison deceased, Anna, deceased; James, deceased, Mary, deceased, Helen Minerva, now living at Canton; Sarah Elizabeth now the wife of Mr. A. J. Duncan of Cleveland, William, the president, Abigail Celia, deceased, and Abner, whose home is in New York.

William McKinley, Sr., died in November, 1892, at the age of 85 years.

Trains Wrecked Near Wilkesbarre.

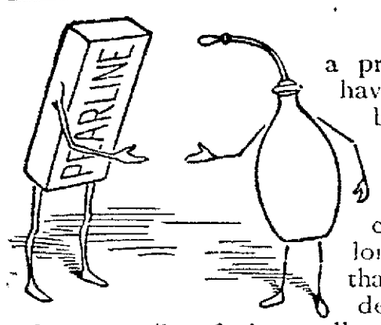
WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 13.—A big wreck occurred in the long Vossburg tunnel, on the Lehigh Valley railroad, near here, which was remarkable inasmuch as there was no loss of life. The loss comprises two engines, four cars of oats, totally destroyed, 16 cars of general freight badly wrecked and eight cars of coal broken up. The wreck was the result of a rear end collision.

Sleigh Route to Dawson.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 13. — Sir Charles Tupper late premier of Canada has perfected a gigantic scheme for securing winter communication with the Klondik by a relay sleigh or drosky route via the Stikeen river and Teslin lake. He will dispatch a pioneer party to Dawson on New Year's day.

Fatal Attempt to Board Train.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Gus Hettrick was killed in this city while trying to board a Central Hudson freight train He fell under the wheels and received injuries from which he died two hours later. His family resides in Saratoga Springs.



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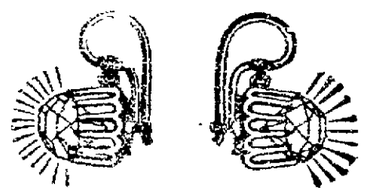

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MILLER THE WINNER

Torture of the Six Days' Cycling Contest Over.

PEDALED TWO THOUSAND MILES.

More Than Seventy Thousand People Saw the Heartbreaking Ride In Madison Square Garden - What the New Champion Wins.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Miller, the plucky Chicagoan, is the new champion of the world in six day bicycle riding. The great race in progress all last week in Madison Square Garden ended Saturday night before an audience of 10,000 shouting spectators. It was a splendid struggle throughout, and the plucky young man from the west certainly earned his laurels. Miller rode nearly 67 miles a day, charmed by the ovations. Like all riders he did practically no work in the last three hours of the race. Five for the second man in that hour was also a fine finished in that place was the smooth faced and rather heavy second Chicagoan, Schinneer third. Hale, last year's champion came in fourth, Waller fifth and Pierce sixth.

It is estimated that over 70,000 people witnessed the race during the week, and the profits are the largest ever made at such a contest in this country. Gray and Johnson did not cover the requisite number of miles to entitle them to prizes, but it is said that each will receive some sort of a money consideration for keeping in the race to the end.

The official table issued by the managers of the race tells the story of the contest. This is the final score as announced:

Miller, 2,093 miles 4 laps; Rice, 2,026 miles 3 laps; Schinneer, 2,000 miles 7 laps; Hale, 1,920 miles 2 laps; Waller, 888 miles 1 lap; Pierce, 1,828 miles; Golden, 1,778 miles; Gannon, 1,760 miles 3 laps; Enterman, 1,755 miles 3 laps; Riviere, 1,716 miles 7 laps; Elkes, 1,660 miles 7 laps; Kinz, 1,616 miles 8 laps; Julius, 1,504 miles 5 laps; Moore, 1,495 miles 4 laps; Beaconm, 1,350 miles 8 laps; Johnson, 1,279 miles 4 laps; Gray, 1,229 miles.

Inside the Garden after the race Miller's trainer said that the rider would make $3,600 in round figures for his week's work. The amounts were distributed as follows: $1,300 for winning the race, $200 for breaking the record, $500 from the makers of the wheel that he rode, $500 from the makers of the successful tires, $250 from the makers of the saddle which supported him to victory, $100 from the makers of the handle bars on his wheel and $1,000 from the proprietor of a theater in which he will appear during the week.

Miller said that he felt in good form after the race and that if occasion required it he could jump out on the track and cover a mile in 2:15. He said that his only trouble during the week was the dust and a little soreness. His trainer gave out the information that Miller had weighed 160 pounds at the start and that he had lost no weight during the contest.

The winner consumed the appended articles of food during the week: Three pounds of rice, one pound of oatmeal, half a pound of barley, three gallons of coffee, twenty quarts of milk, five dozen pints of kumyss and five dozen apples. He did not use any drugs or liquors in the contest.

In spite of their week of agonizing torture all of the contestants in the six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden are in good shape and appearance after their rest of yesterday, and but little the worse for their fearfully exhausting physical and mental ordeal. It is conceded on all sides that the exhibition on the whole was one of the most brutal ever witnessed in the arena of sports.

Vigilantes In Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Because of the large number of holdups and highway robberies that have taken place within the last three weeks, the citizens of the west side have organized a vigilance committee to assist the police. The chief plank in the platform of the new organization is that when possible every footpad shall be killed as soon as he reveals himself, unless he happens to have the drop on the members of the vigilance committee. In such cases arbitration is advocated. The committee numbers about 100 men.

Old Landmark Removed.

PORT CHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 13.—A colonial landmark has been removed from the old Boston post road. It was an old log building, two stories high, standing almost on the boundary line between New York and Connecticut. In front of the house stood a rotting wooden gate, turned aside for the last 50 years. This was the old tollgate between the Empire and the New England states, which was established more than 150 years ago.

Kept Long In Prison.

OAXACA, Mexico, Dec. 13.—About seven months ago J. E. Bradt, an American conductor on the Mexican Southern railway, was arrested here and placed in solitary confinement in the state prison on the charge of being responsible for an accident that happened to his train. He has been kept in prison ever since without trial, and the case has been appealed to United States Consul General Barlow.

Will They Confer on Sugar?

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Times, referring today to rumors that the British government contemplates imposing countervailing duties on bounty fed sugars, asserts that the government has decided nothing except to inquire as to what would be the effect of such duties, because it is anticipated that a European conference may be held ere long to discuss the possibility of abolishing the bounty system.

Gold Struck In Texas.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 13.—There is great excitement over reports of the richness of recent gold finds on Indian creek, 100 miles west of here. One assay of ore just made ran $4,750 to the ton. Over 200 claims have been staked.

Judge Childs Declines.

MEDINA, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Justice H. A. Childs has written to Governor Black declining the governor's offer of a place on the bench of the appellate division of the supreme court, to succeed Justice Bartlett of Brooklyn.

CAPTURED BY ANTS.

Story of the Strange and Unpleasant Experience of an English Vessel.

When a vessel recently arrived in Liverpool with a cargo of logwood, everybody on board, from captain down to cook, rushed frantically ashore, as though pursued by some unseen enemy. As a matter of fact, the vessel was literally swarming with hordes of hungry Jamaica ants, says a London witness.

The little pests had invaded the lockers and dived headlong into the sugar barrels. After finishing the contents of these, they proceeded to bore holes through the supply of hard tack, and ate everything before them, until it was feared that the stock of provisions on board would run short. There was a cessation from their attacks, when the vessel was caught in a West India hurricane, which flooded the cabin and drenched everything below. It was supposed that the intruders had all been drowned, but after the storm had passed away they began again with renewed energy.

The captain who commands the vessel stated that there are millions of the insects still on board, and he thought that the cargo must have come from the vicinity of ant hills for which Jamaica is noted. He stated that the ants were in all parts of the vessel, and that in all his experience at sea he had never before met with an attack like the newcomers waged against him.

Prevents Vessels Sinking.

A new invention for preventing vessels from sinking after being damaged by collision has been exhibited in London recently before a number of shipping experts. An iron model of a cargo ship was placed in water, after having been loaded with bricks. Then a hole, immense in size compared with the miniature vessel, was opened at the side. When the water had risen to a level with the deck a number of gutta bags fixed under the deck were inflated with carbonic acid gas and the vessel almost immediately began to rise.

Alarming Degeneracy in Italy.

Out of every 100 young men inscribed for military service in 1896 in Italy scarcely 42 were found fit for service, 49 were either held over till the following year or rejected altogether, while the remaining nine represented the deserters. Italian sociologists ascribe the causes to backward condition of hygiene in remote localities, poor food, bad schools and the complete absence of an organized system of gymnastics for youth.

Solution of an Old Problem.

The sewing circle owed a debt
On the pastor's pulpit chair,
And when at last the claim was met
It made the circle square.
Chicago Tribune.

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the well known cooking expert, lecturer and authority on pure food, says: "Cottolene is a pure and unadulterated article, and a much more healthful product than lard, and as a substitute for the same I heartily recommend it."

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TOMPKINS' NEW DRY GOODS STORE,

Nos 6-8 East Main Street, Middletown.

From Now Until Christmas Day, Grand Sale of Toys and Holiday Gifts for All.

Our store in its Holiday Dress is like a glimpse of Faryland. Magnificent display and tempting novelties attract the eye of the visitor. Holiday gifts are grouped in rich assortments all over the place, with immense assortments of stock, extra salespeople, everything to make holiday shopping with us a comfort as well as an economy, has been done. We point with pride to our splendid selections of goods suitable for Holiday Gifts for young and old, and to the alluring low prices at which we are able to sell them.

DOLLS.

A Beauty Show—

Our Doll Exhibit is incomparably superior to any exposition you may have formed from what you see elsewhere.

Dressed Dolls and Dolls to Dress

of all nativities and complexions. No description can do them justice. All should come and see them. Note these prices, much lower than elsewhere. Here are a few price hints:

500 China Dolls Each 3c.

12c China Do ls each 7c., 25c Dressed Dolls each 15c., 50c Kid Body Dolls, bisque head and flowing hair, each 25c.; 79c Dressed Dolls each 25c., $1 Dressed Dolls and Kid Body Dolls each 75c.

One Thing

We want to say here. While we have a reasonably large quantity of everything advertised here, we not guarantee every lot to last until Christmas. The early comer will find everything advertised here.

TOYS.

The Most Substantial Toys for Children

are those made of Malleable Iron. At Tompkins' you will buy them much lower than elsewhere—Toy Scales 10 and 15c, worth 15 to 25c. Tin Stoves, with furniture, 5 and 10c, worth 10 and 15c. Tin Kitchen, with furniture, 10 and 15c. Iron Wagon and Horse, value 39c, at 25c. Fire Engine, Horse and Driver, value 35c, at 19c. Big Iron State Banks 25 and 45c. Iron Ranges 25 and 45c. A few very large ones $1.50. 34in Iron Wagons 19c. Iron Passenger Trains, 40c size, 25c. Iron Surrey, with horse 25c. Iron Coal Carts, with driver, 19c. Iron Coal Carts 10c. Big Hook and Ladder or Fire Engine, with horses and fireman, a regular $1 50 toy, at 85c.

Other Toys.

Doll Cradles, large ones, 10, 15, 25c. Black boards 25, 35c; with changeable figures 75c. Tool Chests 35, 50c and higher. Wooden Hay Carts, with handles, 10c. Boys' Coasting Sleighs 10 and 25c. Toy Wheelbarrows 10c. Doll Swings 15c. Nine Pins, per set, 19, 35, 65c. Rubber Rattles, Boys' Tops, Trumpets, Childs' Sets, consisting of knife, fork and spoon, 10 and 15c a set. Shoo Fly Baby's Rocking Horses, the kind that cannot fall over, 79c. Card Games of all kinds 5 and 10c. China Tea Sets, nicely decorated and put up in strong box, 25c. Drums, the flat, tall, wood or brass, all prices. Toy Pianos in every style.

How Beautiful the Store Looks in Its Holiday Attire.

Every section trimmed up to look its prettiest. Everywhere you can chance to glance something new. A stroll through the store will prove an hour's enjoyable entertainment.

A Great Handkerchief Sale.

It was said of a great physician, by one of his patients: "He always attends to my case as if he had only one case to think of." We aim to sell Handkerchiefs as if we sold nothing else, and we don't know of another Handkerchief store in Middletown like this one. In holiday time Handkerchiefs prevade the whole store at prices astonishing low.

At 3c Each,

200 dozen colored border, hem stitched Handkerchiefs.

At 5c Each,

Embroidered, plain hem stitched and lace edge Handkerchiefs.

At 10c Each,

Fine plain white, hem stitched beautiful Swiss embroidered and men's or ladies' initial Handkerchiefs.

At 12½c Each.

Ladies' elegant fine Swiss embroidered, men's imitation silk, initialed Handkerchiefs.

At 15c Each,

Ladies' fine initialed hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' silk, hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' fine Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs.

At 25c Each,

Ladies' very fine embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 35c.

At 49c Each,

Ladies' all linen beautiful embroidered Handkerchiefs, men's silk initialed Handkerchiefs, beautiful goods and worth 75c each.

Christmas Gloves.

You've heard of the old lady who knit mittens and said she lost on every pair. How could she do it? Couldn't, she said, only that she sold so many. That's not far from true with our Christmas Gloves.

Child's Kid Mittens,

Nicely lined, fur tops, 50c a pair.

Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves

or Mittens, lined, fur tops, $1 a pair.

Ladies' Fine Silk Mittens

$1 00.

Holiday Umbrellas.

A most suitable Christmas present. Nowhere can you buy them at these prices. Umbrellas with fancy Congo, Wexel, Celluloid and Dresden handles $1 50, $1 98, $2.50 and $3.98 each.

Silks and Dress Goods.

A standard holiday gift for ladies. The one thing that you cannot make a mistake on, for there isn't a woman in the land who would not appreciate a handsome new dress. Tompkins' Silk and Dress Goods Department is resplendent with beautiful goods, and the prices throughout are very much lower than goods of equal excellence can be bought elsewhere.

Ladies' Fine Jackets.

It is usual to wait until after the holidays to mark down prices of Jackets. Every jacket we have must be sold this season, so we have made after-season prices right now. If you need a jacket yourself or think of making a Christmas present of one, you will get it at Tompkins' at the usual after holiday price now. This extraordinary lot of jackets consists in part of the following fine goods.

Double Breasted Fly Front Coats

of rich curly Bouclé, fastened high at neck, rolling storm collar, tailor back, half lined with silk serge. Ladies' fine imported black Kersey Cloth Jackets, all satin lined, strapped seams, fly or high buttoned fronts, new style storm collar, all sizes 32 to 44.

Misses' Reefer Jackets.

Several styles nicely made with wide sailor collars.

Holiday Books.

One lot Cloth Bound Books, many different titles, at 10c each. ANOTHER LOT CLOTH BOUND BOOKS, 25c elsewhere, at Tompkins' 15c each.

Cups and Saucers.

We made a lucky purchase of a lot of Cups and Saucers, all fine goods, nicely decorated. Monday we start to sell these goods at half regular price. Worth 20c at 10c., worth 30c at 15c., worth 50c at 25c. Fine Gilt Plates 10c each.

Table Covers and Curtains.

A Table Cover is like your hat, or nose or front door, it is the prominent feature that dominates the surroundings. These make useful Christmas presents.

Chenille Table Covers

75, 98c and $1 25 each.

Fine Damask Linen Table Covers

Figured, $1, $1 50 and $1.75, according to size.

Chenille Portiere Curtains

$1 98 and $2 98 per pair.

Blankets.

Continuation sale of the largest and most attractive Blanket stock in this city. Entire stock direct from the mills, no intermediate costs or profits. We start at 35c a pair for a fair article, this lot is slightly imperfect; then 75c, and offer at 98c a blanket that has positively not been equalled for less than $1.25. $2 Blanket for $1 50. $2.50 Blanket for $1 98. $3 Blanket at $2.25, $3.75 Blanket at $2 98, 10/4 Blanket, strictly all wool warp and filling, finished both sides, $3 98 a pair.

Fine California Wool Blankets

$4.98, $6.50 and $7.75 a pair.

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The Funny Irish Comedian,

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Bright specialties, catchy music pretty girls, fancy comedians.

Our Own Great Orchestra.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THE

Street Parade of the Famous

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MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE A DAY AHEAD.

New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31st,

REPETITION OF

GEO. LEA'S MASQUERADE BALL!

Which Will Exceed in Magnificance and Splendor the Ball Given Last Year.

Full particulars will be given in due season.

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Is the greatest charms a woman can possess. Use POZZONI'S COMPLEXION POWDER

UP THE MIDLAND.

High Prices for Potatoes and Apples—Coroner and Railroad Surgeon—Bicycling Farm Hands—The O. and W.'s Settlement With John Maulik—Dissatisfied With Rockland's Highway Commissioner.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—Potatoes seem to keep at from seventy-five to eighty-five cents a bushel and just to what extent the high price may curtail consumption remains to be seen.

—Apple buyers are paying as high as $1.40 to $1.50 per barrel, and as the fruit is rotting badly, it would seem as if prices to the consumer would advance to high figures before another crop comes in.

—Dr. John A. Miller, of Roscoe, advertises himself as surgeon for the O. and W. There is nothing wrong about that as Dr. Miller can saw bones and mend breaks as well as any surgeon for miles around. He also announces in the same card that he is coroner for Sullivan county. Now it must be admitted that a surgeon in the employ of a railroad ought not to hold the office of coroner and that a coroner ought not hold the position of railroad surgeon. Which is which? At all events Coroner Miller should not act in railroad cases.

—Owners of bicycles have to a certain extent run the thing in the ground, and a great many farmers up this way have resolved that hereafter they will employ no one who owns a bike. It is not their use but their abuse that has brought matters to this pitch. The young man who starts out on a thirty mile jaunt every moonlight night after his day's work is done or aims to make a century run each Sunday, is not worth his board as a farm hand. Owners of bikes can ride as much as they please, but many of the farmers up this way will see to it that they don't employ them; that's all.

—John Maulik, the Callicoon farmer, who had two of his daughters killed and was himself badly hurt at Rockland, last summer, is worthy of the $3,000 that the O. and W. recently paid him. Directly, none of those on the official engine that ran him down were to blame, as they did all in their power to prevent the accident and would not have had it happened for all the wealth of the world. Indirectly, the railroad was in a measure responsible, as the approach to the bridge had been made more dangerous by the building of the road and had never been properly attended to. There is another piece of road about two miles south of that bridge, and near the point where Superintendent Flint was killed, known as Bennett's Mills, that should an accident happen to anyone traveling along the highway the railroad company would have to foot the bill no matter how high it might come. These are the shortcomings of the old Oswego Midland Company in their hurry to get the road completed, and have not been changed from that day to this.

—The new iron bride at Rockland will be ready for travel by Jan. 1st, provided the iron ever gets here. There is a great deal of dissatisfaction at the sale of the two old bridges that will be abandoned as soon as the new one is completed. The Commissioner of Highways of the town sold these bridges to Leighton, of Cooks Falls, for $50 each. Leighton will again put them up over the Beaverkill, at a point near Pull Hair in the town of Hancock. Those interested in one of the old bridges, that at Cochran's, would willingly have paid five times what the bridge sold for had they only known that it was to be sold, and allowed it to remain as a private bridge. Feeling runs high in the town over the great expense of the new bridge and the way the old ones were disposed of, and it looks just now as if Commissioner Sturdevant would be consigned to innocuous desuetude politically. RUSTICUS.

THE O. AND W. WINS A SUIT.

A Verdict of No Cause of Action Rendered in the Freise Case at Monticello

A verdict of no cause of action was rendered at Monticello, Friday, in the suit of Henry Freise, administrator, to recover $10,000 damages for the death of his son, George Freise, who was killed by the O. and W.'s day express, southbound, at a crossing near Livingston Manor, in June last.

The evidence seemed to show that the team, which the unfortunate young man was driving, became frightened at the train, the railroad being parallel with the highway and were beyond the driver's control when they dashed over the crossing directly in front of the train.

A WORN-OUT FAD.

"Spring Medicines," "Blood-Purifiers," and "Tonics" an Old-Fashioned Idea

Pure blood, strong nerves and muscles, firm healthy flesh can only come from wholesome food well digested. "Blood purifiers" and "nerve tonics" do not reach the cause of the mischief. The stomach is the point to be looked after. The safest and surest way to cure any form of indigestion is to take after each meal some harmless preparation which will of itself digest food. There is an excellent preparation of this kind composed of vegetable essences, pure pepsin, Golden Seal and fruit salts, sold by druggists under name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and these tablets taken after meals assist digestion wonderfully because they will digest the food promptly before it has time to ferment and sour and the weak stomach relieved and assisted in this way soon becomes strong and vigorous again.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are superior to any secret patent medicines because you know what you are taking into your stomach. They are sold by druggists everywhere at 50 cents per package.

Write Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich., for book on stomach diseases.

IN MEMORIAM.

Action of the State Hospital Managers on the Death of Dr. George Allen.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Middletown State Homeopathic Hospital, held Dec. 9, 1897, at Middletown, the death of Dr. George Allen, formerly first assistant physician at this hospital, was formally announced. President Burt appointed a committee, consisting of Superintendent Talcott and Messrs. Uzal T. Hayes and W. K. Stansbury, to prepare a suitable memorial of respect to the memory of Dr. Allen. The committee met and formulated the following as expressive of the sentiments of the Board of Managers:

"God moves in a mysterious way," and in the early death of Dr. Allen we note another evidence of His unsearchable and inscrutable methods of dealing with the children of men. But in the midst of our inability to understand the actions and purposes of the Creator, we recall, with serious satisfaction, the life work of our departed friend. His example of noble living was clear and plain to those who knew him best. We were able to recognize in him a good man, a faithful husband, an upright citizen, an earnest patriot and a skillful physician. For seven years Dr. Allen worked in the hospital under our charge and during that time he endeared himself to his associates on the medical staff, to the attendants and workers throughout the institution, and, best of all, to the helpless patients confided to his care. We herewith bear cheerful testimony to the virtues of our departed friend and we will retain in our memories the bright example of his patient life and good work as an inspiration to our own future efforts.

To the surviving members of Dr. Allen's family we tender our most earnest and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their great bereavement, believing that even in the darkest times and in the most trying experiences that may fall to our earthly lot, we may safely entrust our hearts and hopes to the keeping of Him who will eventually turn sorrow into joy and tribulation and mourning into peace and consolation.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing minutes be inscribed upon the permanent records kept by the Secretary; and that a copy be sent to Mrs. George Allen; and also that copies be furnished to the daily papers of Middletown for publication.

SELDEN H. TALCOTT
UZAL T. HAYES.
WM. K. STANSBURY. } Com.

PRISCILLA, TO-NIGHT.

To Be Sung at the Casino for Thrall Hospital—Cast and Chorus.

Everything is in readiness for the first performance of Priscilla at the Casino, this evening. The following is a list of those who will participate in the performance.

CAST.

Priscilla.....Mrs. J. Antoinette Fuller-Cox
Resignation.....Miss Bertha Morgans
Barbara.....Miss Annie Campbell
Faith.....Mrs. F. G. Rockefellow
Prudence.....Miss Christine Myers
Miles Standish.....Frank W. Seager
John Alden.....H. A. Fisher
Bluebeard Higgins.....A. E. Nickinson
Gov. Bradford.....Chas. A. Whitney
Squanto.....H. S. DeWitt

The ladies and gentlemen who will sing in the "Priscilla" chorus are as follows:

LADIES.

Misses Bertha Morgans, Ella L. Dewey, Grace Stratton, Louise Storch, Nellie P. Lyon, Myra Mapes, Nellie Drake, Harriet May Bryant, Ethel Davis, Leila Mills, Isadora Black, L. Katherine Greene, E. Josephine Halstead, Claribel Gardiner, Elsie Johnson, Annie Campbell, Carrie Howland, Hilda Wolf, Christine Myers, Mesdames F. O. Rockefellow, C. Macardell, Jr., C. B. Buck, E. D. Anderson, G. S. Jillett, W. W. Clark, H. D. King, W. F. Bailey, M. C. Ashley.

GENTLEMEN.

Messrs. T. K. DeWitt, H. S. DeWitt, G. B. Flint, F. B. Williams, F. S. Rogers, Charles A. Whitney, H. A. Fisher, Z. K. Greene, Edwin S. Merrill, Adam Shafer, George Wengenroth, J. S. Weed, W. W. Clark, H. H. Moodon, Ernest C. Cox, Harry M. Lindsay, W. F. Bailey.

SULLIVAN COUNTY GRAND JURY

Eleven Indictments Found, One Against Christien for Murder—Joseph Appell Discharged.

The Sullivan County Grand Jury found eleven indictments, last week. Among them was one against Wallace J. Christien for the murder of H. F. Pritchard and Constable Manny at the Sullivan County Club, near Wurtsboro.

No indictment was found against Joseph Appell for the killing of Emerich Werth, a fellow employe at the Oberneberg brewery, the jury having been satisfied that the killing was accidental.

TRAINMEN ELECT OFFICERS.

Annual Meeting Held Sunday Afternoon in K. of H. Hall.

Lucky Thought Lodge, No. 40, B. of R. R. T., held its annual meeting in Knights of Honor hall, Sunday afternoon, and elected the following officers:

Master—C. S. Stevens.
Vice Master—Ed. Griffis.
Secretary—C. E. Jones.
Financier—Thos. Boyd.
Journal Agent—James Deveney.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or $1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. W. D. Olney.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers.
The famous little

SATURDAY'S FIRES.

Large Crowd Watched the Barn Burn at the Fair Grounds—Window Advertising Engine Jumped the Track and Called Out the Department.

Chief Higham and a large number of people stood as near the large barn at the fair grounds as the heat would permit, Saturday afternoon, and cursed the neglect which allowed it to be slowly burned to the ground.

Somebody came in for a great deal of criticism for the failure to provide at least a couple of hundred feet of small hose to be used there in case of fire.

The chief and a few men, who were the first on the scene, among them H. W. Wheeler, H. W. Tryon, John Koman, "Ownie" Dennon and Thomas Hennessey, of Circleville, went into the building and used the two extinguishers stored in the barn. One worked, the other wouldn't. The fire had crept the full length of the haymow, however, and such a thing as saving the barn without two big streams of water was soon out the question.

The tar roof held the fire in the building for half an hour, when it finally burned off the sliding door above the main southern entrance.

"Tom" Hennessey was just leaving the barn with a large door, which he had unhinged, when the upper door dropped to the ground barely missing him.

With this door off the flames attacked the roof and once the tar caught fire a weird scene followed. Great clouds of the blackest smoke rolled upward, assuming kaleidioscope forms which will not soon be forgotten by those who saw them.

Then the tones of the fire alarm rang out and Chief Higham ran to the nearest box, East Main street and Prospect avenue, to send in the call.

Dr. F. M. Barnes, George Gillett, H. D. Campbell and others who built the barn stood about regretfully watching its destruction.

The barn cost $1,500 and was insured for $2,000. Another barn will have to be erected, of course, and it is to be hoped that it will be placed on the north side of the grounds away from the grand stand.

"Tom" Hennessey, of Circleville, is congratulating himself on going to the fire, for on reaching the scene he discovered that his racing sulky was in the barn. This he quickly removed to a place of safety.

TOY CAUSED A FIRE.

About 8:15, Saturday night, when the streets were thronged with promenaders an alarm was sent from box 27, at North and John streets. The King street bell rang twice and stopped, but the indicators continued to ding off twenty-seven. The last two strokes on the final seven were also sounded on the central bell. The hill bell was also "out of adjustment."

In the meantime at the Children's Bazaar, on North street, the employes had extinguished a blaze in the window caused by a toy engine, fired with wood alcohol, which had jumped the circular track and set fire to the window dressings. The firemen were not needed when they arrived, but in the excitement a small boy escaped with the engine. Another boy, jealous of the other's luck, gave him away to a policeman and the youngster's stolen "Christmas" was given up.

The loss will not exceed a few dollars.

FACTS ARE STUBBORN.

If Middletown People Are Not Convinced by Local Testimony They Differ From Other People.

Our readers must have noticed in the past two years how "cures" have multiplied in the newspapers like mushrooms in a meadow and following the plethora of "cures" the general public have turned remarkably skeptical. Facts are demanded, but it has become also essential to know who supplies them, where they are from, in fine, whom have you cured. Doubting Thomas will not accept at par incredible cures on the other side of the continent. He wants it at home. "Give us some neighbor, then I will believe," is what he asks for. Well, Doan's Kidney Pills do this. Call it what you like, at home, local or neighbor's testimony, you can always ascertain the truth of it without leaving the city limits. Here is a case:

Mrs. Melissa Johnson, of 45 James street, says:

"For the last four years I have been troubled with kidney and urinary disorder that weakened me so much that it was tiresome to move around and long walks were impossible. If I caught cold or was exposed to any change in the weather I always was seized with a pain in my loins. I noticed an advertisement about Doan's Kidney in a local newspaper, and I also heard them well spoken about. This induced me to procure a box from J. E. Mills' drug store. They helped me right from the first. I feel better in every way and I am able to walk around as much as I like. I have always a good word to say for Doan's Kidney Pills.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents cents per box, or six boxes for $2.50 Foster—Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for United States. Sent by mail on receipt of price. For sale by all dealers.

Remember the name Doan's, and take no substitute.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says, "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

Just try a 10c. box of Cascarets, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

HAS SAVED MANY LIVES.

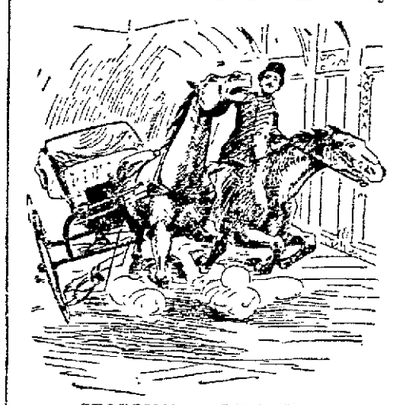
New York Policeman Promoted for Signal Gallantry.

At Peril of His Own Life He Rescued Twenty-Five Persons from Almost Certain Death—A Truly Proud Record.

In the Century there is an article by Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, entitled "The Roll of Honor of the New York Police." In speaking of promotions for gallantry, Mr. Roosevelt says:

Among the first promotions we made were two which illustrated the attitude of the board toward cases of this kind, and which also incidentally illustrated exactly what we mean by "taking the force out of politics"—that is, by administering it on principles of decency, and appointing and promoting men on their merits, without regard to their political backing. The first case was that of an old fellow, a veteran of the civil war, who was at the time a roundsman. I happened to notice one day that he had saved a woman from drowning, and had him summoned so that I might look into the matter. The old fellow brought up his record before me, and showed not a little nervousness and agitation; for it appeared that he had grown gray in the service, had performed feat after feat of heroism, but had no political backing of any account. He was a grand army man, but not one of the "political" type, and so had not received any attention from the former police boards; and now, at last, he thought there was a chance for him.

He had been 22 years on the force, and during that time had saved some 25 persons from death by drowning, varying the performance once or twice by saving persons from burning buildings. Twice congress had passed laws especially to empower the then secretary of the treasury, John Sherman, to give him a medal for distinguished gallantry in saving life. The Life Saving society had also given him its medal, and so had the police department. On examining into his record carefully, we found that he was wholly free from complaints of any infraction of duty, and that he was sober and trustworthy.



STOPPING A RUNAWAY.
(One of the Heroic Deeds Performed by New York's Policemen.)

We felt that he was entitled to his promotion, and he got it. We did not know his politics, nor did we care about them. It was very unlikely that the woman whom he last saved, as he swam out towards her, felt any special interest as to whether he had voted for Cleveland or Harrison; nor did we. He had risked his life freely again and again to the performance of his duty; he had conducted himself so as to be a credit to the department, and a credit to the city; and we felt that he was entitled to his reward.

It is worth while mentioning that he kept on saving life after he was promoted to a sergeantcy. On October 21, 1896, he again saved a man from drowning. It was at night. Nobody else was in the neighborhood, and the slip from which he jumped was in absolute darkness, and he was about ten minutes in the water, which was very cold. The captain of the precinct, in reporting the case, said: "The sergeant was off the bulkhead and into the water after his man quicker than it takes to say 'Jack Robinson.'" There was no way in which the board could reward him for this, except by telling him that he was an honor to the department; for he had been given all the medals, and bars to the medals, that he could be given. It was the twenty-ninth person whose life he had saved during his 23 years' service in the department, and he was 55 years old when he saved him.

AS GOOD AS A HOE PRESS.

Two-Hundred-Pound Hired Girl Aids In Getting Out a Paper.

Gen. Joseph S. Smith, of Maine, tells in the New York Tribune how he published a paper without a press in Bath, Me., many years ago: "When I'd get my paper all set up and ready for the press I'd lay the type on a washstand, get it leveled down well in the chase or in the frame in which it was locked up, and then I'd call in the hired girl. She weighed about 210 pounds when she sat down. That's what I wanted—sitting down weight. So, after the hired girl came in, I inked the type, laid over it the sheet of paper and on top of that the blanket, and then I politely invited the hired girl to sit down on the washstand. Two hundred and ten pounds, remember. The result was just as good an impression as you could get on any $100 hand press made in the United States. My edition in those days was about 200 copies, and the hired girl was good for the job at one sitting—no, at 200 sittings. And she took an interest in it, too, and was just as ready for business every publication as a $20,000 Hoe perfecting press would be."

Curbstone Chat.

"What is your idea of a patriot?"

"Well—a patriot is a man who wouldn't give up a good government job in his own country for a good government job in any other country."—Puck.

SLIPPERS!

A SUITABLE GIFT!

We are, as usual, headquarters for them. Handsome Embroidered 49c and up. Vici Pan Nullifiers Warm lined Slippers, Crochet Slippers for ladies and children, all at reasonable prices. Follow the footprints to

C. D. HANFORD'S,

No. 43 North Street.

THERE'S AN ORIENTAL

Proverb running like this—"Trust not to appearances, the drum that makes the most noise is filled with wind." So look out for the holiday drum advertiser. Every year we put our mark up considerable higher than the year previous, and merit the advance by merchandise of merit sold on their merits at Economy prices. This year is the same, only more so

STEEL CARVERS: 144 Carvers and Forks, polished steel, for kitchen, a bargain at 12 CENTS.

MEN'S NECKWEAR: Positive value is 25 cents on this lot, but Economy price makes them 25 CENTS.

HANDKERCHIEFS: With lace insertion in corners, white hem stitched cambric worth 10 cents, for 5 CENTS.

PURSES AT 2 CENTS: Yes, and 3, 5, 10c. Pocketbooks at 19, 25c., to 50c. Many at less values and less prices.

GAMES: About 25 kinds at 5 CTS., as many more 9c., a hundred kinds at 10, 15, 18 and 25 cents.

A DOLL FOR A PENNY: And others at 2, 5c. Dressed Dolls 10c. Sleeping Dolls 25c to $1.

CHRISTMAS TREE CANDLES: Made of good paraffine wax, in colors, at 8 cents per box.

CELLULOID NOVELTIES: As usual, an entirely new line each season, and 1897 has scores of new ones, 25 cents upward.

A COUNTER AT 5 CENTS: Small counter of Silver Novelties, very pretty gifts, 5, 10c and upward.

JAPANESE CUPS AND SAUCERS: Dainty ware in a variety of patterns and shapes at 5, 10, 15, 25c.

Klondike Region for Dolls, Toys, Games in the Basement.

ECONOMY STORE,

118 North St., Middletown

MIRDLETOWN ROOFING COMPANY,

Dealers in Gravel, Asphalt and Pitch Roofing. We handle first-class roof paints—Metallic, Rubber and Asphaltum Paints. Mending and repairing of roofs a specialty. Also tin, iron and steel shingle roofing.

T. SLACK, Manager, 14 Ogden street. Shop 147 N. 4th street.

Pork 8c. a Lb.

Pork Loin 9c a pound, Pork (fresh ham), 9c a pound, Pork Chops 10c a pound, Sausage (our make), 10c., 3 pounds 25c. No matter how low others go, we go still lower.

W. J. Greening, 13 E. Main St

PIANOS

We are now closing out at a sacrifice several odd styles of new pianos, and a great variety of slightly used organs and pianos to make room for new stock.

ORGANS

Catalogues, full particulars and terms sent upon application.

SOLD ON INSTALMENTS, IF DESIRED.

Mason & Hamlin Co.

8 and 5 WEST 18th STREET, NEW YORK.

FOR SALE.

The property of B. F. Todd, 34 East Avenue. Dwelling contains 11 rooms, with all modern improvements, including steam heat. Good barn and carriage house. Large yard and abundance of fruit. Easy terms.

GARDNER & McWILLIAMS,

25 North St., Lipfold Building

Will Pay the Highest Prices

for old iron, cast and wrought iron, copper, brass, zinc, lead, tin foil, and all kinds of old metal, all kinds of furs, including dog, cat and rabbit skins, dry bones and rubber and other junk; also second-hand machinery, boilers and engines, including shafting, pulleys, piping bought and sold at 125 Fulton street.

HENRY MEYER.

12d1m.Jan3

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, N. Y., notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Daniel Thompson, deceased, late of the town of Crawford, in said county, that they are required to present such claims or statements thereof, with proper vouchers or verification thereof, to the subscriber, the administratrix of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, at her residence, in said town of Crawford, on or before the 27th day of December, 1897.

Dated June 23d, 1897.

ANNA THOMPSON, Administratrix.
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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—Cloudiness, rain or snow Tuesday.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 34; 12 m., 39; 3 p. m., 47°.

MONDAY, DEC. 13, 1897.

Senator Platt and a few of his most trusted lieutenants held a conference at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, Sunday, and discussed the revolt of rural Republicans against the machine. After this there can be no doubt that the big boss has heard of the downfall of the machine in this city as it behooves him to quake in view of such a disaster.

It is very evident that the selection of "Louis D. Stivers" as Middletown's next postmaster will not prove a "unifying force" that will bring together the warring Republican factions in this city. Machine and anti-machine men fume, sputter and swear when his name is mentioned and reach involuntarily for their bootlegs to make sure that their razors are still there.

The Dingley tariff's big deficit is not without compensating advantages. The debates in Congress, thus far, show that nearly all the representatives are deeply impressed with the necessity of curtailing expenditures. Less than half-a-dozen speeches have been made in favor of more liberal pension expenditures and the well worn rant about the nation's unpaid debt of gratitude to its brave defenders has been received in silence instead of with the perfunctory plaudits that it used to elicit. There really are signs that Congress is coming to its senses in this matter of pensions.

The Citizens' Union movement which was Platt's undoing in Greater New York has broken out in Owego, where the Easy Boss claims citizenship when it does not suit his purposes to be a New Yorker. The village government has been in the hands of Platt's friends and they have run it in a distinctively Platt fashion until they have made many Republicans so weary of existing conditions that they have called citizens' caucuses "of all voters, irrespective of party, who are opposed to the present management of village officers," to nominate candidates for village affairs. If the anti-Platt Republicans of Owego really wish to make their opposition to him and his methods effective we commend to them the example of the Middletown Republicans who revolted against boss rule. They did not bother with Citizens' Union nominations, but voted solidly for the Democratic candidates and made their votes count for all they were worth. The result is that now they are people of importance, have had their feet under Boss Odell's mahogany at a "harmony dinner," and are being conferred with to the end that the lion and lamb act may be repeated.

DAN TILFORD IN CONTEMPT.

Has Not Paid Counsel Fee or Alimony Ordered in His Wife's Suit for Divorce

In the divorce suit of Edith Tilford against Daniel Tilford, formerly of the North Street Hotel, Judge Hirschberg, Saturday, on application of Mrs. Tilford's attorney, continued an attachment against Tilford, who is in contempt of court for failure to pay $50 counsel fee and $5 a week alimony as ordered by the court. The sheriff has not been able to find Tilford since the attachment was issued.

Tilford has been in this city for several weeks and was here as late as last Wednesday. To an acquaintance who asked him about the divorce suit he said: I didn't order it and I am not going to pay for it. She ordered it and has got to settle."

WHY THE KICKERS QUAKE

Boss Boyd Threatens to Join Them If "Louis D." Is Made Postmaster.

"Had you heard that Charlie Boyd declares he'll join the kickers if Lew Stivers is made postmaster?" asked a prominent anti-machine man of an ARGUS representative, this morning. "Well, it's a fact and in view of such a possibility you can bet that we are putting up the stiffest kind of a fight against Stivers as a harmony candidate. Talk about life's ironies and politics' queer bed fellows! Wouldn't it be an absurd outcome of the fight we made against the machine if it landed Lew Stivers in the post office and loaded us up with Charlie Boyd. If that happened I'd swear off politics forever and start a Sunday school or kindergarten. The very thought of it takes my breath away."

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD

—Commercial travelers want the railroad mileage act amended so that books will be good on trains and in the hands of any person instead of being limited to one or two persons whose names appear on the cover. They also want books issued for 250 and 500 miles instead of 1,000 miles as now.

DEATH OF CHARLES BUTLER.

Philanthropist and Lawyer Died at a Ripe Old Age.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Charles Butler, philanthropist and lawyer, and brother of Benjamin Butler, who was Attorney General of Andrew Jackson's cabinet, died to-day, aged ninety-nine years. He was born at Kinderhook Landing, N. Y. His mother was a lineal descendant of Oliver Cromwell.

Butler founded the Union League Club and was a member of many patriotic societies. His last public appearance was during the trial of Rev. Dr. Briggs, when he did all in his power to defend the clergyman.

LOWER COURT ERRED.

Therefore U. S. Supreme Court Reversed Decision in a Murder Case.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Justice White, of the U. S. Supreme Court, to-day, in the case of Thomas Bram, now under sentence of death in Massachusetts for the murder of the captain and his wife and the mate of the bark, Herbert Fuller, reversed the decision of the lower court on the ground that it erred in admitting as evidence the testimony of Brown, the detective, with whom Bram conversed.

THE DEADLY KEROSENE.

A Mother Used It In Starting a Fire and She and Her Three Children Perished.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

WARREN, Pa., Dec. 13—Mrs. Fredericks, the wife of a saw mill employe at Augustoa, started a fire, this morning, with kerosene. The resulting explosion caused a fire, in which she was burned to death with her three children.

A BODY EXHUMED.

Charles Zanoli Fourth Wife's Body to Be Examined for Poison.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—The body of Jennie Shemer, the fourth wife of Chas. Zanoli, the barber who buried so many relatives was exhumed, to-day. The police will examine carefully for traces of poison.

AWAITING THE RESULT.

Millard Division Men Are Awaiting the Outcome of the Conductors' Club Exposure.

Many members of Millard Division of Railroad Conductors are awaiting the result of the recent exposure of alleged crookedness in the Conductors' Club's management, of which Charles E. Weisz is a moving spirit. "I told you sos" are flying around thick and fast, and uncomplimentary remarks are added.

Millard Division pushed Charles E. Weisz into prominence at Albany and in railway circles, but now it has no love for him, nor has it had in many a day.

When he formed his "Protective League," which was to keep counsel constantly employed to act for its members in suits brought against corporations, Millard Division wisely refrained from joining. Grant B Taylor, of Newburgh, was one of the lawyers who became interested in this scheme, and it is believed that his connection with it led to his financial ruin.

The Division has secured copies of the deeds transferring the Conductors' Club property, at No 115 East Thirty-fourth street, and they are causing no end of discussion

"GOOD ROADS" SCHEME KILLED

Twenty-seven Supervisors Voted to Lay the Matter on the Table.

There was a large attendance at the Supervisors' hearing, this afternoon, on the "Good Roads" $200,000 bonding acting. Most of those who spoke were against the scheme and the Supervisors killed the measure by adopting a motion by Mr. Boyd to lay the matter on the table. There were twenty-seven votes in favor of the motion.

Could Not Give Grant B. Taylor Permission to See His Dead Brother.

Wm. Vanamee, as attorney for Grant B. Taylor, applied to Judge Hirschberg, Saturday, for an order, permitting Under Sheriff Henry M. Howell to take Grant B. Taylor from the Newburgh jail to 127 Lander street to see the body of his dead brother, P. Bentley Taylor.

Judge Hirschberg declined to grant the application on the ground that he had no power to do so.

Nervous people find relief by enriching their blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is the one true blood purifier and nerve tonic.

SALT RHEUM

Most torturing and disfiguring of itching, burning, scaly skin and scalp humors is instantly relieved by a warm bath with CUTICURA SOAP, a single application of CUTICURA (ointment), the great skin cure, and a full dose of CUTICURA RESOLVENT, greatest of blood purifiers and humor cures, when all else fails.

Cuticura

Is sold throughout the world. POTTER DRUG AND CHEM. CORP., Props., Boston. "How to Cure Salt Rheum," free.

FALLING HAIR Pimply Faces, rashy Blemishes Cured by CUTICURA SOAP.

GENTLEMEN who want stylish shoes for winter wear--the kind that are particular regarding the fit--We want to cover your feet--There is no denying the fact that one needs a heavier shoe this time of the year, yet we don't want clumsy shoes for dress shoes--Now that is why we can please that particular fellow. We have the new styles, the fashionable lasts in shoes with two and three soles--the prices $1.98 and $2.98 Your money back if you want it.

DRESS SHOES AT $1.98.

AYRES' NEW SHOE STORE,
5 West Main Street.

THE COUNTY COURT.

Opening of the December Term—Call of the Civil Calendar — Many Pleas of Guilty in Criminal Cases—Port Jervis Violator of the Raines Law Fined $250.

The December term of the County Court began at Goshen, to-day, Judge Beattie presiding.

The call of the civil calendar resulted in the following disposition of cases:

For trial Thursday—John R. Manning vs. John C. Schneider; Jas. A. Halliday vs. Bidsey Young and another.

Friday—Wm. Tyndall vs. R. M. Smiley; W. P. Richardson vs. J. W. Simpson.

Saturday—John Barry vs. I. B. Wheeler.

February term—J. K. McVoy vs. E. C. Koffman.

Settled—Jacob Rau vs. Chas. Earl.

CRIMINAL BUSINESS.

DeVere, O'Day and Morrison, indicted for burglary in the first degree for breaking into an Erie car at Port Jervis and who had pleaded not guilty, changed their pleas to guilty of burglary in the second degree.

Edward Jones, indicted for criminally assaulting Miss Terwilliger, of Walden, at Highland Falls, changed his plea to guilty of attempted criminal assault.

Michael Connors, indicted for assault in the first degree in stabbing Michael Stapleton in Newburgh, pleaded guilty to assault in the second degree.

Dominico Fillanti, of Newburgh, indicted for assault in the second degree, pleaded guilty to assault in the third degree.

Anton Dulski, of Warwick, pleaded guilty to assault in the second degree.

A boy named Tomer, who doesn't seem quite right in the head, pleaded guilty to obstructing railroad tracks.

In all the above cases sentence was deferred.

Stephen Short, of Port Jervis, pleaded guilty to selling liquor illegally and was fined $250.

An appeal of Henry McDonald in the filiation proceedings brought against him by the Overseers of the Poor of Woodbury, is occupying the time of the court this afternoon.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address,

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

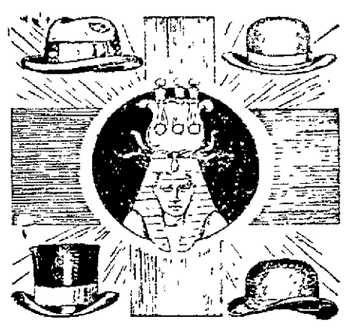
CARSON & TOWNER.

HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS.

We are showing a very attractive stock of useful articles, suitable for gifts, which it will be a pleasure for us to show—Ladies', gents' and children's Handkerchiefs in lace, linen and silk; Umbrellas, Leather Bags, Fine Towels, Silk and Moreen Skirts, Fine Hosiery, Lined Kid Gloves for ladies, gents and children; Fine Dress Patterns in silk and wool, Fur Collarettes, Muffs and Children's Sets Special values now on sale in Cloaks and Capes.

CARSON & TOWNER,
No. 11 West Main Street. Telephone 166.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.



Our Holiday Hat is a beauty, Fur and Cloth Caps, all grades; Mittens and Gloves, all grades. Silk and cassimer Mufflers and Silk Handkerchiefs. Silk Umbrellas or a nice Mackintosh Coat, Underwear and Hosiery.

Ready-made Clothing Sale—We are selling it fast at the price we are offering it at. People know good goods. Now is your time to buy a Suit, Overcoat or Ulster Coat. We want the money and they must go.

MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

Is booming with orders. We still have a good selection of Foreign and Domestic Cloths and people appreciate good work and style at our prices. All are invited to call at

JOHN E. ADAMS,
Leading Hatter and Clothier, No. 41 North Street.

A HOLIDAY DISPLAY!

10,000 Fancy Articles for Old and Young.

LOW PRICES RULE.

1,000 doz. Handkerchiefs from 5c to 25c,—an Endless Variety.

Ask for our holiday specials in Skirts and Dress Goods, on which we have placed CUT PRICES.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,
No. 39 North Street.

Useful Holiday Presents.

"The Hub" Shoe Store,
13 West Main Street.
Next to Carson & Towner's.

SLIPPERS 50 CTS. AND UPWARDS. ALL STYLES AT LOW PRICES.

Rubber Boots and Felt Boots, Arctics, Overshoes, all at the very lowest prices.

Dress Goods.

Another Case of "Jamestown" (Hall & Co.'s)

Dress Goods!

direct from the mill.

All the Latest Weaves and Colors

There is no use of praising the merits of these goods. You all know what they are if you have had them once. If not, call and examine them before purchasing.

UNDERWEAR!

of all kinds. Prices the lowest. Please give us a call and be convinced.

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I. B. A. TAYLOR & CO.,
DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF
COAL!

All our COAL is screened by the POCKET SYSTEM, thereby insuring to the consumer clean coal.

Taylor's Coal Yard,
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HANFORD & HORTON.

GIFTS THAT ARE LASTING.

Books make that kind of a gift and are always in fashion. So are our leather goods: Pocketbooks, Card Cases, Traveling Sets, Writing Tablets, Music Rolls, Cuff and Collar Boxes, etc.

So are Fountain and Gold Pens as well as Kodaks and Cameras.

So are our fine Toilet Sets, Presentation Boxes of Fine Stationery, Photograph Albums, Ink Stands and choice Pictures. Of all these goods there is no better assortment in this city than with us.

A Subscription for a Magazine is a lasting gift and is easily made through us. We have a special card for such cases that may be sent to indicate the gift and donor.

Hanford & Horton,
No. 6 North St., Middletown.

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Pair Good Oxen in exchange for pair farm horses. Address, with particulars, at once.
G. F. HARDING,
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TO OWNERS OF HORSES.

It would be to your interest to take a look in our Blanket Room and get prices on our

Robes and Blankets.

ASK TO SEE OUR Heavy Lined Stable Blanket WE ARE SELLING FOR $1.

GEO. W. YOUNG,
Custom Ready-Made Clothier,
16-18 East Main St.

A GOOD TIME TO BUY Overcoats, Ulsters, Suits, Pants.

FROM NOW ON WE WILL SHOW NO MERCY ON PRICES,
AS
We are Very Much Overstocked
A GOOD VARIETY TO SELECT FROM.

EVERYTHING MUST GO.

Look Over Our Line of Holiday Goods.

NO FANCY PRICES.

Fine Line Neckwear 23 and 35 Cents.

We Make Clothing Also

MORRIS B. WOLF
No. 10 North St., Mid[illegible]

AT STERN'S.

A Few Items Worth Mentioning.

Our Millinery Department is as near perfection as it can be made. The entire winter stock is all in—no need for ladies waiting for other styles. Endless variety of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Winter Cloaks. We are acknowledged leaders in these lines. Our assortment is too large and the space too small to mention the different designs and prices. Come and see. Ladies' Shirt Waists in all prices. We have a fine Outing Flannel Waist at 48c. A Plaid Waist, latest cut, detachable collar and cuffs for 98c.—A beauty. Have sold over 25 dozen. Nice enough to wear to a ball. Over 200 Silk Waists in stock. Every style and quality represented from $2.49 up. No such assortment elsewhere. All at our Handsome Store. If you need a Separate Dress Skirt, remember we are headquarters.

L. STERN 13-15 NORTH ST.

C. EMMET CRAWFORD.

DO YOU KNOW

That it is a misdemeanor to go to New York to buy your Christmas presents before you have called at our warerooms and looked through our MAMMOTH assortment, and the penalty is that you will be sorry for it. Beginning Monday, Dec. 6, and for the balance of the week, we invite every one to pay us a visit and just see what we have done this year for Holiday Goods. (No one urged to buy.) The goods will speak for themselves. Favor us with a call. See our Bric-a-Brac, Fancy Desks, Fancy Chairs, Children's Toy Furniture, Art Gallery, etc., and you will be pleased.

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DAILY ARGUS.

MONDAY, DEC. 13, 1897.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—"Out of Sight," at Casino, Friday night.
—Fine line of holiday goods at Morris Wolf's.
—Toilet sets cheap at W. D. Olney's.
—High quality jewelry at B. F. Gordon's.
—Carpets cleaned by E. H. Gregory.
—Holiday goods at Geo. B. Adams & Co.'s.
—10,000 Christmas presents at Churchill's.
—Home-made sauer kraut at Andrew Brown's.
—Dues payable Homestead B. and L.
—Millinery business for sale.
—Christmas trees for sale at Andrew Brown's
—Vernon Bros. at Congregational Church Dec 2.
—X-Mmas presents free. See Middletown Trading Stamp Co.'s adv.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.

—Priscilla as the Casino, to-night.

—Regular meeting of the Common Council, to-night.

—Remember the 24th Band's concert and hop Wednesday night.

—"Out of Sight" will be the attraction at the Casino, next Friday evening.

—Roescher's orchestra special dance to night at Columbia Park. Ladies free.

—Geo. B. Adams & Co. are showing a grand array of useful holiday goods. 1t

—There are plenty of good seats left for Priscilla at thirty-five cents, either night.

—Orders are few and far between at the Duteness Hat Works at Fishkill Landing.

—Geo. B. Adams & Co. are selling carpets and oil cloth at special prices during this month. 1t

—The crack 24th Band wants a distinctive uniform. Go to their concert, Wednesday night.

—Ticket holders for Priscilla are reminded that the curtain will rise promptly at 8:15 to-night.

—The Oritani Field Club, of Hackensack, lost $1,100 by maintaining a base ball nine, last season.

—Those who were not up early this morning missed one of the most beautiful sunrises of the year.

—A farmer's team crashed into a lamp post on North street, Sunday morning, breaking the wagon pole.

—Fred Harford came out with an express wagon, this morning, making five expressmen to be found at the stations nowadays.

—Lindsay & Co. will erect the flag pole on the armory, to-morrow. It is a delicate job, and the side-walk committee should attend.

—The railroad men smoked Robert Kleinfield's cigars at their smoker, Sunday. Robert has many friends among the railroad men.

—There are a few good seats remaining for to-night's performance of Priscilla. They will be sold at the box office after 7 o'clock.

—The "Rooster Almanac" for 1898, a publication without which many families think they cannot keep is ready at Hanford & Horton's.

—On account of the absence of Mr. Evans there will be no service at Grace Church to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock, as announced.

—Sunday's New York *Journals* had a two column article on and a picture of Evangelist Gell. It was similar to the *Sun's* story of the previous week.

—Lenna Wells, of Kansas City, has been awarded a judgment of $10,000 in a suit for $25,000 for injuries received while being initiated into the Knights of Maccabees.

—The Lunacy Commissioners transferred 250 patients from the Manhattan Hospital to Willard, Saturday. They went on a special train over the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Congregational Church will be held, to-night, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of J. Chas. Schwartz, on South street. A cordial invitation is extended to all the young people of that church and congregation to attend. A pleasing programme has been prepared.

PERSONAL.

—Dennis Callighan, of Orange, spent Sunday in town.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Corwin, of New York city, spent Sunday in town.

—Philip Cranston, of New York, was in town, yesterday, visiting relatives and friends.

—Mrs. W. F. Bibings and her sister, Miss Maggie Walters, are spending a few days in New York city.

—Miss E. T. Newing, milliner at Katzinger's New Idea, went to Long Branch, to-day, to spend a week.

CHRIST CHURCH NOTES.

Meeting to Act on the Purchase of the Adams Property—Ladies' Aid Society Meeting—Sunday School Christmas Festival.

—There will be a meeting of the church in the Assembly Rooms, on Wednesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, to ratify, or otherwise, the action of the Board of Trustees in securing the property corner of East Main and Orchard streets for a church edifice. All individuals not members of the church, who have not pledged and contributed money for a church lot, are invited to the meeting.

—The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society will be held at the residence of Mrs. Rose Wengenroth, 115 Wickham avenue, to-morrow (Tuesday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Important business will be transacted and a full attendance is desired.

—The Sunday School is making preparation for its Christmas festival, which will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Wednesday evening, Dec. 29. A simple operetta will be given, in which Santa Claus and Mother Goose good naturedly contend for the favor of the children. How will they decide?

A MOST UNEASY SPECTRE

GOSHEN'S COLORED POPULATION FRIGHTENED BY JOHN MCLAUGHREY'S GHOST.

The Restless Spirit of the Dead Comes Back to Haunt the Scenes He Knew in Life—Strange Sights That "Aunt Charlotte" Richardson Saw—A Funeral Cortege of Shadowy Form—A "Colored Gent" from Middletown Frees His Hand at Ghost Laying—His Experiences With John McLaughrey's Spook.

From Our Goshen Correspondent.

Between the Pine Island branch and the Erie main line, at the western end of Goshen, there is a suburb peopled almost entirely by "colored folks." It has been jocularly referred to as Darktown.

There died out there, nearly a year ago, a long respected resident, John McLaughrey. He has been a long time dead and to Goshenites who knew him the deceased is but a memory "sighing sadly down the corridors of time." But not so with the residents of that locality. The colored individual is fearful of supernatural things and he has ever been since the time when Ham was a little boy, and of late there has been a weird tale unfolded of uncanny sights and mysterious "goings on" at the residence of the late lamented.

"Aunt Charlotte" Richardson investigated with feminine curiosity and she was sore affrighted when there passed before her vision on the walls of the cottage a solemn funeral cortege, the hearse with black horses and nodding plumes, the pall bearers, and the mourners in carriages and afoot, among whom could be recognized many noted Dartown celebrities who have long since passed to the spirit land. Other residents have seen equally terrifying sights.

It was at one time determined to lay the ghost, and the suggestion was made that "Uncle Anthony" Stevens, who is somewhat of a necromancer, "Nels" Hill, the doughty skunk slayer, and James Vau, the "medicine man" of Darktown, be selected to do the job. But whether the consideration offered was inadequate, whether fear assailed them, or whether they were never informed of the plan we do not know. Nothing came of it. Meantime a brooding quiet has fallen over that erstwhile noisy section. Her residents stick close to their firesides after nightfall, the chicken-safe wherever night overtakes him, roosts with impunity by the way-side, and the necessity no longer exists of keeping a lock on the chicken coop door.

The story of Darktown's affliction by word of mouth and by publication in local newspapers traveled far and wide. Recently it reached the ears of a "colored gent," of Middletown, who had been serving as a farm hand in New Jersey. He was not "afeared" of ghosts, and he decided with wholesouled philanthropy to end the misery of his Goshen brethren Saturday evening, he came on from Deckertown and brought a bottle of "Jersey lightning" to fortify his system. Less fearful or more foolhardy than his fellows he began the vigil, last evening, and shortly after 9 o'clock had passed the expected happened, and at the critical moment courage forsook this ghost layer who was so dauntless by daylight. Just what he saw we cannot learn, but sufficient unto the tale is the statement that his liver turned white within him and he fled ignominiously to where ghosts may not pursue, giving forth a loud-lunged and prolonged yelp of mortal terror that rent the night into two parts and traveled to the furthest limits of Ryersonville, where hanging over a gate a swain was whispering something which has been told before. And hearing the cry of terror the young man lingered no longer, but swiftly hastened townward to learn where the fire might be that caused the whistle to blow so loudly.

At the same time, with undignified celerity, Middletown's "colored gent" was hastening townward. But he was going across country by winding ways, letting out his full speed, headed straight for the "Green." In a remarkably short time after starting he was burrowing beneath the kitchen stove of a resident of the latter mentioned place, and strange to relate every kink of his woolly head had straightened out and his forelock hung as limp and smooth as the bandeau of Cleo de Merode. To-day his friends are trying to convince him that the sight he saw was the hallucination of an imagination disordered by the "Jersey lightning" but the "gent" knows better.

DEC. 13. 1862—1897.

The Anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburgh.

Capt. L. S. Wisner reminds us that to-day, Dec. 13th, is the thirty-fifth anniversary of the battle of Fredericksburgh when General Burnside hurled his army of the Potomac in vain against the almost impregnable works on Mayers Heights.

It was the first general engagement in which our own Orange Blossoms took part.

Badly Injured by a Fall.

Lewis B. Guerin an aged resident of Broad street, slipped on a door sill, this morning, and falling heavily broke his collar bone and dislocated his shoulder and, it is feared, sustained internal injuries. Dr. Hallett was called.

Police Court.

—Morris Storm, of Port Jervis, who pleaded guilty to the charge of shooting a revolver recklessly at the Summit, Saturday, went to Goshen for ten days in lieu of the payment of $5 fine.

HEADACHE cured in 20 minutes by Dr. Miles' PAIN PILLS. "One cent a dose." At druggists.

OBITUARY.

John Threw Coleman.

From Our Goshen Correspondent.

News was received in this village, Saturday, of the death of John Threw Coleman, which occurred that day at San Antonio, Texas, whither he went in hope of recovering lost health. An improvement in his health has from time to time been reported and the news of his death comes unexpectedly. The deceased was a young man about twenty-eight years of age and before going west resided on a farm near Hopkins' Bridge. His mother survives him.

Vira Buell.

Vira, the six-year-old daughter of Franklin D. Buell, of the National Express Company, died Sunday morning at 1 o'clock, at her home, No 47 Beattie avenue, of scarlet fever, after a single day's illness.

Vera was a pupil in Miss Sinsabaugh's room in the Benton avenue school, and a member of Mrs. R. H. Ayres' class in the First Congregational Sunday School. Her affectionate spirit and faithfulness in her work endeared her to all who knew her in these relations.

A bright life full of promise has ended on earth, but He who said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven," gives sure promise of its undying glory and blessedness.

The funeral was held privately at 9 o'clock, this morning, Rev. Dr. W. A. Robinson officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Buell will receive the sympathy of a large circle of acquaintances.

Silas Vail.

Silas Vail, one of the best known residents of this section, died about 9 o'clock Saturday night, at his home on the Mount Hope road near this city. He was in his eighty-fifth year, and the infirmities of age had long borne heavily upon him, though his final illness was only of a few weeks' duration.

Mr. Vail was a son of Moses and Miriam (Hulse) Vail, and was born at Dolsontown, March 21st, 1813. He was one of a family of ten children, of whom but two survive, Archibald L. Vail, of this city, and Mrs. Ann Maria Dolson, widow of Asa Dolson, of Muscatine, Ia. Margaret Vail, a sister, died in January last.

On Dec. 13th, 1838, Mr. Vail married Mary A. Sayer, who died Dec. 19th, 1894. Six children were born to them, of whom five survive: Carrie, wife of J. E. Smith, of the town of Wallkill; William D., of this city; Mary J., Ella M. and Charles, at home. Hattie died in 1876, aged twenty-seven years.

In 1849, Mr. Vail purchased the farm on which he afterwards resided. He was a good citizen in every sense of the word and did his full duty in all the relations of life.

The funeral notice appears elsewhere.

Mrs. C. C. Andross.

From Our Bloomingburgh Correspondent

Mrs. Debora A. Andross, wife of C. C. Andross, died at her home here, Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, after a lingering illness. She was a daughter of the late Michael Miller and was born and brought up on the old homestead in Orange county, about two miles from this place, which was later occupied by her brother, Michael, who died about four years ago.

She was about seventy-four years of age, having been born Feb. 22, 1824, and is survived by her husband and her older sister, Adaline. An only child, the wife of J. H. Seybolt, died seven years ago.

Mrs. Andross in her younger days was a school teacher and possessed a fine mind. She was devotedly attached to the Reformed Church, of which she was for forty-seven years a faithful and consistent member.

The funeral, which is private, will be held Tuesday afternoon, at 1 o'clock. The remains may be seen between 10 and 11 o'clock, Tuesday. Interment in Bloomingburgh Cemetery.

AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Great Interest in the Revival Meetings—A Matthew Supper to Poor Children.

Great interest is manifested in the revival meetings at the First Baptist Church. Hundreds were turned away Sunday and scores rose for prayers. Meetings will be held every night this week.

A Matthew supper will be given to the poor children of the city probably on Christmas Day. It is the plan to provide the best supper possible and have the needy children of our city regardless of race or sect come and enjoy it. An entertainment will be provided also. It is the intention to bring gladness in this way to from three to four hundred children.

Funeral of Mrs. Doyle.

Funeral services were conducted over the remains of the late Mrs. J. Doyle, this morning, at 10:30, in St. Joseph's Church. Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated, Rev. Father O'Haulon as celebrant, Rev. Father Salley as deacon and Rev. Father McCluney as sub-deacon. There were many floral tributes and a large crowd of sorrowing relatives were in attendance.

Capt. Jackson Post at Church.

Capt. William A. Jackson Post attended divine service at the First Congregational Church, Sunday night, in a body. "Old Glory" formed a pretty background for Dr. Robinson, when he gave a fine address on patriotism.

Hymeneal Notes.

The wedding of Miss Nettie Shafer, of Jersey City, a cousin of Daniel Shafer, with Van Duzer & Smith, and Thomas Harris, of New York city, is announced.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

The Club's Election and Smoker—Orange Lodge's Reception—County Court in Session—Mr. Harriman Will Renew His Lease of the Driving Park—Farm at Foreclosure Sale.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—The annual meeting and election of officers of the Goshen Social and Athletic Association will be held, to-night. After the business meeting a smoker will be held. There will be a humorous lecture by Rev. George C. Betts; Ralph Wisner, of Florida, will give a "Chalk Talk;" Henry Jones will give a gramophone concert and "Uncle Samuel" Jarvis, assisted by "Aunt Sarah," will serve a luncheon. All members are desired to be present.

—Orange Lodge, I. O. O. F., will entertain on Wednesday evening. The widely known hospitality of this popular order at previous receptions assures an event pleasureable above the ordinary.

—County Court opened at Goshen, today, with Judge Beattie presiding.

—E. H. Harriman has signified to President Hock, of the Driving Park Association that he will renew his lease of the Driving Park for three years from the expiration of his present term.

—The Bertholf farm in Warwick, which, it will be remembered the men who buncoed farmer Van Duzer proposed to buy, containing 160 acres, was sold at foreclosure, Saturday, to C. M. Oxford, of Newark, N. J., for $4,100.

ROW OVER A BED QUILT.

A Very Unpleasant Incident at the Circleville Church Fair.

A dispute, which caused considerable ill feeling, occurred at the church fair at Circleville, last week. A quilt had been offered to the person guessing nearest (at so much per guess) to the number of blocks which the quilt contained. As a result of inside information, exact calculation or careful counting of the blocks five persons "guessed" the exact number of blocks. The managers of the fair expected that these good "guessers" would draw lots for the quilt, but the man whose name happened to be read off first wouldn't have it so. He claimed the quilt, got possession of it and held it against all rival claimants.

One of the latter threatened to sue the church if necessary to assert his right to a show for the possession of the quilt, but so far as heard from has not yet begun an action.

PORT JERVIS RAILWAY CONDUCTORS

Neversink Division, O. R. C., Chose Officers Sunday Afternoon.

The annual election of officers of Neversink Division, No. 52, O. R. C., was held at Port Jervis, Sunday afternoon, resulting as follows:

Chief Conductor—Con Whittaker.
Asst Conductor—Chas. Pfitzner.
Sec. and Treas.—J. B. Cole.
Senior Conductor—J. M. Cox.
Junior Conductor—D. Mandeville.
Inside Sentinel—I. Carey.
Outside Sentinel—J. H. Gordon.
Grievance Com.—N. Decker, chairman, T. E. Gray, J. D. Arahill.

Rehearsals of "The Messiah" in This City.

The chorus will rehearse "The Messiah" under the leadership of Rev. R. B. Clark in the M. E. chapel, Friday evening, Dec. 17, at 8 o'clock, and in the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday evening Dec 21, at the same hour. An invitation is extended to all readers of music with good voices to join the chorus. The oratio will be given in the Goshen Presbyterian Church, Dec. 28, by 175 or more voices and four soloists.

A Demented Boy Strangled.

A slightly demented lad named Wiggie, who lives with his folks at Hawley, Pa., was strangled to death in a very mysterious manner, Friday afternoon. The young fellow had a habit of twisting a towel, such as used on rollers, around his neck and then permitting it to untwist again. Friday in some way he was caught and strangled to death.

Trying to Annul Katie Clum's Marriage to a Negro.

Justice Chase, at Catshill, Saturday, reserved decision on a motion to annul the marriage of Katie Clum, a white girl, to Henry Mendore, a negro who abducted her. The girl is only sixteen years old. Mendore is in jail in Delhi charged with abduction.

Salt Rheum, Tetter, Eczema.

These distressing diseases relieved by one application. Dr. Agnew's Ointment is a potent cure for all eruptions of the skin. Jas. Gaston, Wilkesbarre, says: "For nine years I was disfigured with tetter on my hands. Dr. Agnew's Ointment cured it." 35 cents.

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BACK ACHE and RHEUMATISM relieved by Dr. Miles' Nervo Plasters.

TROUBLE WITH THE FIRE ALARM

Supt. Wilkinson Had Been Renewing the Batteries.

The failure of the alarm to sound properly, Saturday night, was a topic for a great deal of criticism. This morning Mr. Wilkinson, superintendent of the fire alarm, informed an Argus reporter that the cause of the failure was that he had renewed half a dozen batteries but half an hour before, and they had not yet begun to work when the alarm came in.

Turf and Horse Notes.

—The Trotting Association's Board of Review decided the dispute between J. S. Murray, of Chester, and the Fleetwood Driving Park in favor of Mr. Murray, directing that the association pay him second money in the race which Glenmere Boy won by a walkover in June last.

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It is in a legislation which the Sperry & Hutchinson house in Washington has offended. The opinion of the court should be read in full. (It will be found in this issue.) It heartily backs up the purpose of the law to remove from the district illusory and illegitimate methods of trade. That the trading stamp merits such hard for more severe delineation may readily be gathered from the expressions of those who have experience with it from the outside and the inside. An interesting resume thereof will be found on another page.

That prosecutions will follow in other places seems a natural supposition, and on the Pacific coast ordinances are preparing for the purpose.—Dry Goods Chronicle.

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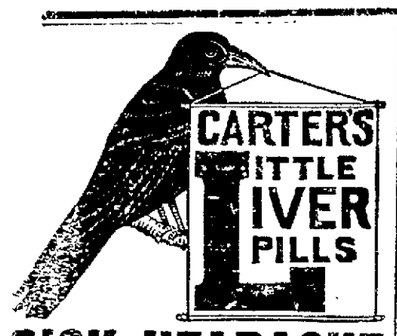

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TRIAL BY FIRE.

BY GWENDOLEN OVERTON.

THERE are colonels and majors and generals and some old captains who hold that Isabel Hampden was the most attractive woman who ever graced the frontier; and in their time most women seemed attractive because of their scarcity. She was handsome, and accomplished, and clever, and something more than all these which was inexplicable but very potent. She had been brought up in garrisons and large cities, and by the time she was two-and-twenty she knew the world rather well. Moreover, she knew men—not girls and women, but men.

Because she had been allowed to live in posts during most of what should have been her boarding-school days, and because she was pleasant to look upon and to converse with at an age when most girls are impossible, men had fallen in love with her pretty much ever since she could remember. It was said that she had refused all the bachelors in all the frontier regiments. This was not far from the truth. A woman who had married one of the rejected ones said that refusing was a habit Miss Hampden had formed, and that it began to look as if she might never break herself of it. In the nature of things, this was repeated to the girl. Her good temper was one of her charms. "It is so much better a habit than accepting them all," she argued, sweetly. Nevertheless, she wondered if there was not some truth mingled with the malice.

But Lieut. Loring was the last victim of her practice. He proposed to her, unfortunately for himself, just after she had met young Ardsley.

"I thought this morning that maybe I would marry you," said Miss Hampden. "But I've changed my mind, somehow."

Loring was accustomed to a great deal of frankness from her, but it clashed with his notions of feminine modesty for a woman to have entertained thoughts of marriage before the offer thereof.

"Weren't you just a trifle prompt in determining my intentions?" he asked.

"Has the event proved me wrong?" she returned.

He lost his temper. "You are spoiled," he said.

"If you knew how often I have heard that! Yet I do not think I am. I am simply sincere, and you are a little too vain, all of you, to grasp the difference. I like you awfully well—no, now, don't misunderstand me. I don't love you. And you are too nice a fellow to be married to a girl who only likes you. No," she repeated, "I do not think I'm spoiled. I am not agitated and tearful, as I ought to be, perhaps, under the circumstances. I used to be, but I've passed that. I have been so placed that men were making love to me at an age when other girls were playing dolls. It's partly because I'm pretty, and partly, largely, because there are so few women out here. When I have been in the east, I haven't made much of a sensation. I've grown a bit hardened, perhaps. Custom has dulled the edge—which was fearfully keen and cutting, at first—of being told that I am breaking a heart. But, though I am only 22, I've lived to see dozens of you marry and be happy. You'll do the same."

"Oh! no, I shall not," moaned Loring.

"Oh! yes, you will, Jack. And I sha'n't mind. Now I've promised to dance this with the new Mr. Ardsley, and if we stay out here any longer ever, one will guess what has happened."

"They'll know, when they see me."

"Don't be a goose, Jack. It's only the heart that is trying to take itself seriously that exhibits the pain."

"Don't discuss a subject you know nothing about. You have no heart."

He left her, with an exaggerated bow, as young Ardsley came up.

As Miss Hampden waltzed off with Ardsley, she knew that Loring was wrong; that this tall boy, fresh from West Point, as new in experience of the world as the brass buttons on his blouse, was the man she was going to love. He would love her, of course. It is to be feared that it did not enter her head that he might not. She liked his strong, rough-cut face, and his dark, stone-gray eyes, and his drawling, heavy voice, and his waltzing, and the way he held her. After the dance he determined that she liked his hands, and when she looked at them, she saw a ring.

"Is that your class ring?" she said.

"Yes," he told her.

"May I see it?"

He gave it to her, and while she examined it he sat and admired her. On his part, he liked the women who carried themselves haughtily, he liked tall women, he liked straight, black hair and olive skin and dark eyes and large features and a neck of statuesque proportions. In short, he liked exactly the things he had never fancied up to then. Miss Hampden raised her eyes and met his. She smiled, but it was like no smile she had ever bestowed on a man before. He looked at her very gravely, and her hand closed tightly over the ring. In a moment she was studying it again.

"I like this. It's unusual," she said.

"I am glad you think so, as I conceived the design." He expected to be told that he was clever.

"Indeed!" was all she said, and that indifferently.

"How cool! I rather thought you'd express surprise and give me some credit. You are not addicted to flattery, it would seem."

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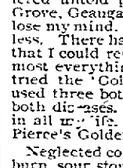

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"That is very pretty."

"It is perfectly true."

It happened, oddly enough that Ardsley chanced not to have heard of Miss Hampden's reputation by the next night. He was rudely awakened to a knowledge of it. There were private theatricals in the hoproom, and Miss Hampden was the leading lady. Now the suitor was quite recovered, and he meant to play a joke on those in the audience who were not—and these were some eight or ten, three of them married. He proposed to the heroine in nicely read lines, and was rejected by her with a perfection that spoke her practice. So the audience thought; and it laughed. When the laugh had subsided, the hero arose from his knees. He walked to the footlights and sighed.

"Ah! well," he said," I have one crumb of comfort. I am not the only man in this place who is in the same fix."

The astounded Ardsley looked about him, and he picked out the entire number by their faces. Miss Hampden dropped her head in her hands and laughed with the rest.

Between the acts, Ardsley made inquiries, and learned the truth. He was bitten with a desire to obtain the unattainable, and he was not one to dally. He went behind the scenes.

"Whom are you going home with, Miss Hampden?" he asked.

"I fear no one will take me after the light Mr. Graves has put me in."

"May I do so?"

She nodded, and Ardsley went back to his seat.

"So you have refused the entire army?" he asked, as they walked home.

"Not quite."

"The entire department?"

"Well, a fair percentage of it," she admitted.

"Are you going to refuse me?"

"I can't say until you are offered."

"I offer myself now."

"And I accept you now."

"Good enough. Will you announce our engagement to-night at supper?"

"At the risk of being adjudged insane—yes."

"Put on this ring until I can get you another. Your hands are not small. It will fit your middle finger. Now I am in earnest."

"So am I," she said.

They were very much in earnest, the event proved, and the garrison derived unmixed pleasure from the total, unconditional, obvious surrender of Miss Hampden. She was as open in her infatuation as she had always been in everything else. And Ardsley was equally infatuated. He took back the class ring and gave her a diamond which cost him three months' pay. They were altogether happy. So, just a fortnight before the day arranged for their wedding, the gods demanded the first payment on their loan.

Ardsley was ordered off on a scout. Miss Hampden was the sort of a girl who might have been expected to take this reasonably. But she did not. She clung to Ardsley and cried like any little girl, and did not behave in the least like a woman who had seen countless scouts. And she let him go to the wars, remembering her standing with her arm against the wall and her head upon her arm, sobbing as if her heart were utterly broken. He himself was moved and stern. Loring would have liked to remind her that hearts which were really wrung did not show their pain. He had not yet recovered.

Ardsley did not come back from the scout. He was in a fight on what should have been his wedding day. Others were killed and their bodies were recovered and buried, but Ardsley's body was never found. There was a tale that a fire had been seen on the battlefield the night after the encounter, and in the midst of the fire a tree with a form which might have been that of a man against it. There were Indians grouped around it. Miss Hampden never heard the story. She never even guessed at what had happened until 20 years afterward.

She was the superb and spiritless wife of a mighty general, and she was accompanying her husband on a tour of inspection in the west. They were at an agency one day and were visiting the tepees. It was the agency of the Indians that young Ardsley had fought two decades before, and the general's wife was nerving herself not to show that she remembered this.

The general was examining the trinkets that hung on a string around the neck of a half-blind squaw.

"Here is a West Point class ring!" he exclaimed.

His wife repeated her words of 20 years a-past.

"May I see it?" she asked, coolly.

She took it in her hands and turned it about. She could make out the design, though it seemed to have passed through some heat that had melted it. There was no doubt in her mind. Nevertheless she looked inside. The heat had not affected it there, and the initials were quite plain even yet.

"D. A.," she said; "it was David Ardsley's ring. The fire did not touch the letters. I understand now why they never could tell me which was his grave."

The general broke the string and picked up the class ring from among the scattered baubles. The squaw was chattering and whining and clawing around on the earth. The general held the ring out to his wife. She raised the dark eyes that had been so bright and happy the last time it had been held out to her.

"Can I have it?" she asked.

The general put it in her hand, and the hand closed over it.

"Thank you," she said.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Japanese Courtesy.

Japanese courtesy stands the latest test. An American riding a bicycle in Tokio accidentally knocked down a venerable man. The aged victim gathered himself together, deferentially approached the rider, and humbly begged pardon for being in his "honorable way."

WHEREAS, Default has been made in the payment of the interest money secured by a mortgage, dated the 28th day of June, 1889, executed by The Goshen Gas Light Company through its then President, E. D. Bushnell, of the city of Brooklyn, N. Y., to Horatio S. Stewart, as trustee, to secure the payment of its bonds to the amount of twelve thousand dollars which said mortgage was recorded in the County Clerk's office, of the county of Orange, on the 28th day of December, 1889 at ten o'clock and fifteen minutes a. m., in the proper book for recording mortgages, to wit: In Liber 309 of Mortgages, at Page 121

And whereas, it was in and by said mortgage expressly agreed "In case default is made in the payment of the principal or interest moneys on said bonds secured by this mortgage, or any part thereof, for the space of ninety days after the same or any part thereof shall accrue, become due and payable; or if the said party of the first part shall allow any taxes or assessments levied or assessed under any colorof any lawful authority whatever to remain unpaid more than ninety days after the same shall become due and payable, that then and in such case the whole principal debt shall become and be forthwith due and payable even though said bonds may not have fully matured;" and thereupon the said party of the second part, his successor or successors, if required by fifty one per centum in interest of said bondholders shall cause the whole of said premises to be sold at public auction, in the manner as provided in said mortgage.

And whereas, the said mortgagor, The Goshen Gas Light Company has failed to pay the interest which became due on the 1st day of January, 1897, or any part thereof, and the same has remained unpaid and in arrears for the space of more than ninety days, and the undersigned, at the written request of all the holders of said bonds has elected and hereby elects that the whole principal sum shall become due and payable immediately.

And whereas, default has been made in the payment of the amount due upon and secured to be paid by said mortgage as aforesaid, and there is now due and owing to said mortgagee, Horatio S. Stewart, as trustee upon and by virtue of said mortgage at the date of the first publication of this notice, the sum of twelve thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars, to wit: The sum of twelve thousand dollars principal and the sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars for interest thereon from January 1st, 1897, and no suit, proceeding or other action at law or otherwise has been instituted to recover the said mortgage debt or any part thereof

Now therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises in said mortgage and hereafter described, by Horatio S. Stewart, as trustee, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Orange County Court House, in the village of Goshen, in the county of Orange, on the 23d day of February, 1898, at twelve o'clock noon of that day.

The following is a description of the mortgaged premises to be sold as aforesaid, as contained in said mortgage, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the village of Goshen, on the westerly side of West Main street, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a point in the centre of a stone bridge in the sidewalk on the westerly side of West Main street, about one hundred and ten feet easterly of the east corner of land belonging to the heirs of James Wardrop, deceased, and running thence in an easterly direction along said line of said West Main street one hundred and fifty feet; thence in a northerly direction, and at right angles with above line one hundred and twenty-three feet to lands of N. Y., L. E. and W. Rail road; thence in a westerly direction, along line of said railroad land one hundred and fifty feet; thence in a southerly direction one hundred and twenty-three feet to place of beginning, being a lot one hundred and fifty feet front and rear, and one hundred and twenty-three feet deep be the same more or less. Being the same premises which William M. Sayer and Jane, his wife, by a certain deed, dated the 30th day of June, A. D., 1893 conveyed to the said The Goshen Gas Light Company in fee, together with all and singular the buildings, machinery, improvements, ways, streets alleys, passages, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining thereto, and the reversions and remainders rents, issues and profits thereof, and also all the corporate rights and franchises of the said party of the first part, and all the real estate and corporate franchises, and which the said party of the first part, its successors and assigns now or may acquire or be seized or possessed of subsequent to the date of this indenture.

Dated Nov. 17, 1897

Mon&Th&Feb1 HORATIO S. STEWART, Trustee

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Elizabeth Jane Wickham, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased that they are required to present the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, at the First National Bank, in the city of Middletown, on or before the 1st day of February 1898.

S. W. ROBERTSON, Executor.
J. F. BRADNER, Attorney for executor.
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IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Lucinda Horton Young, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, at his office, No. 16 East Main street, in the city of Middletown, on or before the 14th day of April next.

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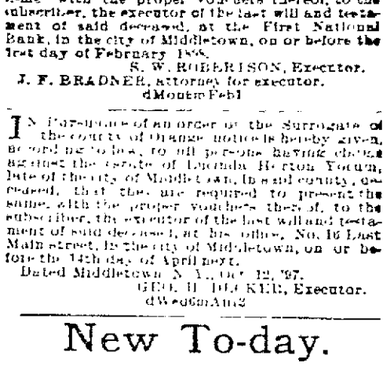

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LATORRE'S DECREE.

Commander of Nuevitas, Cuba, Issues Harsh Orders.

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HAVANA, Dec. 11. Don Agustin Latorre, military commander of the city of Nuevitas, has opposed with a few strokes of his pen to the hypocrisy of Spain's alleged policy of mildness under General Blanco's barbarous decree of Latorre exceeds in cruelty anything that General Weyler ever devised to exterminate non-combatants, women and children. Its text, published in Havana by La Lucha inspires the greatest horror, and, according to the most trustworthy information from Puerto Principe, it is carried out with relentless vigor.

Two hundred families have already fled from Nuevitas panic stricken, to take refuge in Puerto Principe. The decree was believed at first to be merely a threat, but when a few days ago a poor woman was shot in Nuevitas for the sole crime of leaving her home without permission of Latorre to buy provisions for her family, then terror spread in the city and the general exodus began. Maria Mendoza was the name of the woman. She was a widow 45 years of age. To her was applied article 2 of the decree.

The city of Nuevitas is no more in danger of an attack now than before Don Agustin Latorre took its military command. Many bands of insurgents belonging to the army of General Lope Recio are around the city and attack the troops from Nuevitas to Puerto Principe as in the time of General Weyler, but there is no regular siege and no cause for shooting the defenseless inhabitants. The killing of the woman Mendoza was a barbarous assassination, and it has been followed by the shooting of six male residents of the town not charged with more serious offenses.

Latorre has revoked in his decree all rules of international law and all the established rights of foreigners to be treated as neutrals in times of war. The foreign consuls are forbidden to use their national flags on their houses. Such a thing seems hardly possible in the nineteenth century but I give the exact words literally translated, of the decree as published in Cuba:

The military commander of Nuevitas Don Augustin Latorre y Rivas ordains:

Article 1—Any person who wearing arms or alone, shall fire firecrackers or alarms within the town at a time when it is threatened by the enemy he will be shot.

Article 2—The same penalty shall be imposed upon any resident, without distinction of sex or age, who shall go out from his home or even stand at the door. From this prohibition are excepted the employees of my government and the volunteers and the firemen, during continued danger to the city from the enemy will be made known to the public, for them to choose one only of their members to go out at a given hour to procure provisions, such person to return home as speedily as possible.

Article 3—It is also forbidden with the same penalty of death, to any resident or hired employee of any kind of house to hoist any flag which is not that of Spain. If any foreign consul shall make any objection to make to this order he shall tell me his reasons and I will decide about his case in the best I shall deem best.

Article 4—It is also absolutely forbidden that any family shall take refuge in the forts and barracks excepting the families of the volunteers and employees of the government who will show an express order from me. If in any fort or barrack families of the residents of the city shall attempt to take refuge the soldiers shall use their arms to repulse the refugees."

Weyler In Madrid.

MADRID Dec 13.—Lieutenant General Weyler has arrived here. He was greeted at the railway platform by Count Azcarraga former premier, General Borrero, former commander of the fourth army corps, and by a number of Old Guard Carlists, Conservatives and Polidoristas.

As he alighted from the train they hoisted him and then carried him shoulder high to the entrance of the railway station, where he took a carriage and was rapidly driven off. There was no demonstration on the public appearing different.

A number of friends, including Senor Romero Robledo, accompanied him to his apartments. About 500 people had collected at the station almost immediately after the arrival of the train.

The partisans of General Weyler presented him a crown of 3000 pounds sterling, bearing an inscription in gold letters saying "Give Weyler!" Don't let the Yankees" and the like.

MESSAGE IN SHARK'S STOMACH.

Captain of an English Man-of-War Makes a Queer Find.

While strolling along the shores of the Delaware bay near Fishing creek five years ago, says the Philadelphia Record, Miss Beulah Bate and three young women companions wrote their names and addresses on four slips of paper, sealed them in as many bottles and cast them far out into the bay. For days and weeks they watched and waited for tidings of the bottles, but none came, and they had almost forgotten the incident. A day or two ago Miss Bate received a long letter from the captain of an English man-of-war stating that while coasting along the coast of England one of the seamen fell overboard and narrowly escaped being devoured by a huge shark. After hauling the man aboard the sailors secured the shark and found in its stomach the bottle containing Miss Bate's message. Miss Bate is now a student at the state normal school at Trenton and has become quite a heroine among the more ornamental of her classmates.

Their Sole Export.

The Caymans in the West Indies export nothing but turtles.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.
21—Rung before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.

1 stroke denotes circ't broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

For over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. If disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhœa regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggist throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup." eod&w

Thousands suffer from catarrh of cold in the head and have tried the popular remedy. There is no longer any excuse, as a 10 cent trial size of Ely's Cream Balm can be had of your druggist or we mail it for 10 cents. Full size 50 cents.

Ely Bros., 56 Warren St., N. Y. city.

A friend advised me to try Ely's Cream Balm and after using it six weeks I believe myself cured of catarrh. It is a most valuable remedy—Joseph Stewart, 624 Grand avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. W. D. Olney.

Would Not Be Without Dr. Hand's Colic Cure.

MEMPHIS, N. Y., Nov. 11, '95.—The Hand Medicine Co.—"Our baby, now nearly four months old, has been troubled ever since birth by Wind Colic. At first we tried the usual remedies, but until we tried Dr. Hand's Colic Cure found nothing that would give relief. Now we would not think of being with out your Colic Cure and Dr. Hand's Remedies for Children. 25 cents. At all druggists.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper.

—When billious or costive, eat a Cascaret—candy cathartic, cure guaranteed. 10c.

"Everybody Says So."

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Solid and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Ladies Can't Shave,

But they can shake Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet into their shoes and get rest and comfort. It cures corns, bunions, tired, swollen, sweating feet. 10,000 testimonials. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25 cents. Sample free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, New York.

Doctors Prescribe It.

"JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 2.—My physician recommended Allen's Foot Ease, the powder for aching, sweating feet, corns and bunions. I shake it into my shoes, and am delighted with it. D. D. Clark." At all druggists and shoe stores, 25 cents. Sample free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says, "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

Mother Gray's Sweet Worm Powders

were successfully used in treating children's complaints by Mother Gray, for years a nurse in the Children's Home at New York. They will certainly remove all kinds of worms, and when a child is feverish, with bad stomach and irregular bowels, they always cure. Pleasant and harmless as milk. Mothers should give Mother Gray's Sweet Worm Powders to their children occasionally through the year. They prevent worms forming. Sold by all druggists. Price 25 cents. Sample sent free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Rheumatism Cured in 24 Hours.

T. J. Blackmore, of Haller & Blackmore, Pittsburgh, Pa., says: "A short time since I procured a bottle of 'MYSTIC CURE.' It got me out of the house in twenty-four hours. I took to my bed with Rheumatism nine months ago and the 'MYSTIC CURE' is the only medicine that did me any good. I had five of the best physicians in the city, but I received very little relief from them. I know the 'MYSTIC CURE' to be what it is represented and take pleasure in recommending it to other poor sufferers. Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, North

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, beginning Nov. 28, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos 601, 625, 606, 617, 620 and run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train Nos. 1 & 3 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Arden "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch

GOING EAST.

Nos		James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 12	Chicago Ex.	4.-9 a.m.	
* 10	New York Special	6.01 "	
26	Middletown Way	6.30 "	... 6.32 a.m
16	Orange Co. Ex., G.M.	7.10 "	....7.12 "
28	Mountain Ex., T.	8.23 "	... 8.25 "
38	Del. Val. Ex. (M. P. G.)	10.48 "	
* 6	W. Mail, (G. 'exc'pt Su)	12.55 p.m.	...12.57 p.m
30	Way, A. M. P. G.	4.10 "	...4.12 "
* 2	C. & G. T. Ex. "A"	5.00 "	
* 8	C. & St. L. Limited,	5.55 "	
22	P. J. Local T.	7.26 "	...7.28
* 14	Wells Fargo Express,	10 40 "	
606	P. J. Local (Sun only) M. P. and G. T.	8.23 a. m.	
620	P. J. Local (Su only) "G"	5.08 p. m.	
16	Milk (Sunday only)	6.55 p. m.	

GOING WEST

Nos		James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 17	Milk	6.47 a.m.	
2	Port Jervis Way	10.36 "	....10.39 a.m
* 1	Day Express	†10.56 "	
9	Corning Express	11.25 "	
11	Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
33	Port Jervis Exp.	3.40 "	.... 3.37 "
†* 5	C. & St. L. Exp.	4.16 "	
27	Mountain Exp.	5.42 "	.... 5.38 "
15	Orange Co. Exp.	6.46 "	.... 6.41 "
25	Middletown Way ar.	8.05 "	.... 8.03 "
* 7	C. & G. T. Exp.	9.34 "	
29	Way	9.13 "	
* 3	Chicago Exp.	11.12 "	
601	Sunday Local	10 38 a. m.	
625	P. J. Way (Sun only)	3.08 p m	
617	" " "	..10 29 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *4.00, 7.15, 9.15, 10.30 a. m.; 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, *7.30, *8.45 p. m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45 a. m. 12.30 and 7.30 p. m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
101	Pine Bush Mail	11 35 a.m.	11.40 a m
*116	" "	.....	6.55 p m
601	Sun. only	11 00	11.10 a m

COMING SOUTH

*128	Arrive from Pine Bush	9.16 a m
*130	" " "	5.40 pm

N. Y., O. & W. R. R.

NORTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot, Middletown as follows:

No. 9	First Milk	1.45 a m
No. 11	Second Milk	8.45 a m
No. 1	Ontario Express	10.55 a m
No. 7	Sullivan County Express	6.15 p m
No. 5	Pacific Express	8.45 p m
No. 21	Local	11.00 a m

SOUTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot for New York as follows:

No. 8	Mountain Express	6.10 a m
No. 22	Local	9.30 p m
No. 2	New York Express	4.30 p m
No. 12	First Milk	6.20 p m
No. 10	Second Milk	7.35 p m
No. 6	Atlantic Express	6.43 p m

Trains leave New York at 3.10 and 7.40 a. m. 3.00 and 6.00 p. m.

J. C. ANDERSON, Pass. Agt.

N. Y., S. & W. R. R.

In effect Nov 28th, '97.

NORTH

New York Ferries	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Sun p m
West 23d St.	8 16	.....	4 50
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	8 30	.....	4 [illegible]
Jersey City	8 48	.....	4 [illegible]
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 [illegible]
Paterson, (Broadway)	9 26	.....	5 05
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	2 50	6 30
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 05	6 40
Franklin	11 12	3 15	6 45
Hamburg	11 20	3 25	6 54
Deckertown	11 28	3 40	7 05
Quarryville	11 36	3 52	7 16
Unionville	12 44	4 04	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 15	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 27	7 [illegible]
Slate Hill	12 06	4 37	7 [illegible]
Middletown	12 12	4 50	7 45

SOUTH.

	Daily ex Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 36	5 04
Slate Hill	6 42	5 10
Johnson	6 48	5 16
Westtown	6 54	5 22
Unionville	6 59	5 27
Quarryville	7 06	5 34
Deckertown	7 14	5 42
Hamburg	7 22	5 50
Franklin Junction	7 27	5 [illegible]
Franklin	7 29	5 [illegible]
Ogdensburg	7 34	6 06
Two Bridges	7 51	6 27
Paterson City	9 03	7 45
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	7 46
Hackensack	9 16	8 05
Jersey City	9 38	8 27
New York Ferries—		
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	9 53	8 38
West 23d street	10 15	9 20

1—Stop on signal

The Great Food Digester.

S. Grover Graham's Dyspepsia Cure is having a very unusual sale, because of its unusual merit. For sale by

F. M. PRONK

Beware of Imitations

LEA & PERRINS' The Original & Genuine Worcestershire SAUCE

JOHN DUNCAN'S SONS, AGENTS, NEW YORK.

FOR SALE!

Very desirable House and Lot on Linden Terrace, fine property on Orchard street, choice Building Lots on Bennett Hill. Other well located properties.

CASE & TAYLOR,

Real Estate and Insurance Agents

No. 15 North St., Middletown.

ERIE RAILROAD

Solid trains between New York and Chicago, via Chautauqua Lake or Niagara Falls. Pullman cars between New York and Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Chautauqua Lake, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Chicago.

TIME TABLE ADOPTED NOV. 28, '97.

Eastern Time.	S. Spec'l 617	S. Spec'l 625	S. Spec'l 601	3	7	29	25	15	27	5	33	11	9	1	21	17	12	10	26	16	28	38	6	39	2	8	22	14	S. Spec'l 606	18	Sun 18
Leave																															
Arrive																															

"MOUNTAINSIDE" FARM TO BE SOLD

Theo. A. Havemeyer's Fine Estate at Mahwah—The Scene of Many Interesting Experiments.

The "Mountainside Farm" of the late Theo. A. Havemeyer, near Mahwah, N. J., is to be sold by his executors. It contains 2,700 acres in the highest possible state of cultivation and has been the scene of many experiments in agriculture. There are now on the farm 500 registered cattle, said to be the finest dairy in the United States. The fence that encloses the property cost $85,000. The farm, aside from the experimental department, has always paid a handsome profit. The income from milk, this year, will be over $30,000.

When tuberculosis was discovered in his herd, a few years ago, Mr. Havemeyer made up his mind that Jerseys were too delicate to stand our fickle climate and he imported a number of hardy Simmenthaler and Normandy cattle, rugged brutes, bred in a cold climate, which he claimed were descended from the same stock as the Jerseys and which he crossed with his Jersey herd. To all appearances the experiment has been successful, but to the regret of all dairymen the herd will be broken up before a season's milk results were obtained and tabulated.

MANY BURGLARIES AT SUFFERN

The Post Office and Several Business Places Entered by Thieves.

A gang of thieves raided a number of business places in Suffern during the early hours of Saturday morning. They first a blacksmith shop from which they took tools which they used in their other burglaries. They broke into the post office but got nothing there; from Samuel Hines' furnishing store they took a large quantity of goods and from other stores which they entered they took booty of less value.

HELD A UNION SMOKER.

Railroad Men From Four Organizations Met Sunday Afternoon.

Half a hundred well known railroad men representing the conductors,' engineers,' firemen's and trainmen's organizations in this city met at K. of H. hall, Sunday afternoon and enjoyed a "smoker." The members complimented each other on the brotherly unity existing here and smoked the real pipe of peace.

Said to Have Buncoed a Chinaman Out of $75.

The widely circulated report that a young man, of this city, did a Chinaman out of $75, last week, may be true, but diligent attempts to "run down" the story and trace it to any reliable source have been unsuccessful.

Fire Insurance Loss Adjusted.

The Royal Insurance Co., Case & Taylor agents, has settled with Mrs. M. A. Weller, of Circleville, paying her $500 for the damage to her furniture by the fire, which occurred Dec. 10.

Has Done Much Good.

"My body was covered with eruptions caused by impure blood. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and it completely cured me. I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla since then and it has done me so much good that I recommend it to everyone suffering with impure blood. It tones up the system."—S. J. Tubp, Maryland, N. Y.

Hood's Pills act easily and promptly on the liver and bowels. Cure sick headache.

Cure Your Stomach.

You can quickly do this by using South American Nervine. It can cure every case of weak stomach in the world. It always cures, never fails. It knows no failure. It will gladden your heart and put sunshine into your life. It is a most surprising cure. A weak stomach and broken nerves will drag you down to death. South American Nervine will help you immediately. No failures; always cures; never disappoints. Lovely to take. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggist Middletown, N. Y.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve
Cures Piles, Scalds, Burns.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

New York, Dec. 13, '97.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	149½	141¼
Tobacco	88¼	88¼
Chicago Gas	96¾	97
Nat. Lead	35	35¼
General Electric	34	33¾
L. S. L., pref.	64½	64
Tenn. Coal and Iron	26¾	26
A. T. & S. F.	13⅛	13⅜
C. B. & Q.	98⅝	99½
C. M. & St. P.	95⅝	96
R. I.	91⅛	92
D. L. & W.	—	—
C. of N. J.	84¼	86½
Erie	14⅞	15½
D. and H.	109	109½
D. & W.	158¼	159½
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref.	35¾	35
P. & R.	21½	21½
R. W.	125	121⅞
L. S.	—	—
L. V. R.	106¼	106⅝
M. P.	35¾	35⅝
Texas	12	11⅝
U. P.	24¼	26⅛
W. Union	90½	90⅝
L. & N.	57⅝	58⅛
Manhattan	106⅜	107½
P. M.	31½	30½
Wabash, pref.	18¾	18⅝
No. Pacific, pref.	48⅝	50¾
W. L.	—	—
Rochen Ry.	—	—
Southern, pref.	32½	33¼
May Wheat	92⅝	91⅛
May Corn	28¾	28⅝
May Oats	22½	22⅝
Jan. Pork	$8 25	$8 32
Jan. Lard	4 30	4 35

Good

Blood is essential to health. Every nook and corner of the system is reached by the blood, and on its quality the condition of every organ depends. Good blood means strong nerves, good digestion, robust health. Impure blood means scrofula, dyspepsia, rheumatism, catarrh or other diseases. The surest way to have good blood is to take Hood's

Blood

Sarsaparilla. This medicine purifies, vitalizes, and enriches the blood, and sends the elements of health and strength to every nerve, organ and tissue. It creates a good appetite, gives refreshing sleep and cures that tired feeling. It is because of its great power to purify the blood that

From

Hood's Sarsaparilla has accomplished so many wonderful cures. It makes the blood pure, drives out the germs of disease. Thousands today enjoy good health as the natural result of taking

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. $1.

Hood's Pills Do not purge, pain or gripe. All druggists. 25¢

DIED.

HORTON—Entered into rest, Saturday morning, Dec. 11th, '97, Millicent Jane, widow of the late Chauncey Horton, of New Hampton, and loving mother of Susie M. Robertson, George W. Horton and James M. Horton.

Funeral services Tuesday, at twelve o'clock, at Old School Baptist Church, this city.

BUELL—In this city, Dec. 12th, '97, of scarlet fever, Vira M., only child of Mr and Mrs. Frank Buell, aged six years, nine months.

Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

VAIL—Near Middletown, Dec. 11th, '97, Silas Vail, in eighty-fifth year.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, at two (2) o'clock at his late residence. Interment in family plot Hillside Cemetery.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 99 North street. Telephone No. 3. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 50 Great Jones St., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 10.

JOHN DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer 124 North street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 15. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

DOUGHERTY & REILLY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 50 Cottage street, Middletown. Telephone 42, night and day. New York office, 52 Great Jones street. Also long distance telephone. Lady assistant.

I. D. OSTERHOUT, Undertaker and Embalmer. Lady assistant. Telephone 158, Middletown, N. Y. 40 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn. 48 Great Jones street, New York.

MIDDLETOWN Savings Bank—Money deposited on or before the 10th days of January and July, and the 3d days of April and October, will draw interest from the 1st.

CHARLES J. EVERSON, successor to William W. Reeve, Surveyor and Civil Engineer, office No. 5 King street, Middletown.

J. W. WORCESTER, M. D., late of New York city. Fine Dentistry in all its branches. Expert in the use of gas and extraction. 37 NORTH ST., Middletown, N. Y.

DILL & COX, Attorneys and Counsellors at Law, office No. 3 South street, Middletown, N. Y., attend to all kinds of law business.

HENRY C. McBRAIR, D. D. S. Gas administered. Office over Savings Bank, Middletown, N. Y.

HONEY Delivered C. O. D.—Five pound pail, pure extracted 60c. Order by phone or postal at Belding's Flower Store or house, Cottage street. d30,7,14,21 CHESTER BELDING.

For Sale!

40 ORANGE CO. FARMS.

All sizes and prices, and in various sections of the county. Some very decided bargains, and some of the best farms in the county. Free descriptive catalogues on application at office or by mail. Owners desirous to sell always employ a broker, hence you are more likely to secure a bargain at my agency; anyway you have a large list to select from, and should you want a House and Lot or other property in the beautiful and thrifty city of Middletown, at a genuine bargain, apply at my office. Correspondence solicited.

A. V. BOAK,
Real Estate Broker, 35 North St.

BUTTER.

25c a Pound for Fancy Creamery

23c a Pound
22c a Pound
20c a Pound } For Dairy.

C. N. PREDMORE & SON

Carpet Cleaning and Feather Renovating
FULTON ST. AND SPRAGUE AVE.

E. H. GREGORY.
Telephone Call No. 129

IN Puranance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Hugh Mell. Struble, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, the administrators of all and singular, the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, at the office of D. F. Seward, 25 North street, in the city of Middletown, N. Y., on or before the 20th day of November next.

Dated May 7th, 1897.

MARY E. STRUBLE,
ALBERT H. CORWIN, } Administrators.

D. F. SEWARD, Atty for Admrs., 25 North St, Middletown, N. Y. dFrSmNov19

NEW TO-DAY.

HOME-Made Sour Kraut at 20d2t ANDREW BROWN'S Market.

HOMESTEAD Building and Loan Association Dues collected Monday and Tuesday evenings. 20d2t H. J. LEONARD, Sec.

MILLINERY Business for sale cheap. Full particulars by addressing 20d6t A. B., ARGUS office.

CHRISTMAS Trees for sale at 20d2t ANDREW BROWN'S Market.

"FOR One hour and a half they held the attention of a delighted audience." This is one of the many complimentary press notices of the Vernon Brothers, who appear for the first time before a Middletown audience at the First Congregational Church, Tuesday evening, Dec. 21st. 1t

MUSICAL Instruction on mandolin, piano, violin, guitar, banjo, flute by VINCENT MAGGIO, 48 North street, second door. d&wi

EXTRACTING with gas 50c., odontunder 50c. No charge for extracting when artificial teeth are to be inserted. Best teeth $6, $8 and $10 a set. Twenty years' experience. 9d&wtf DR. ROBINSON, 44 and 46 James St.

WE HAVE MADE a deep cut in the prices of our Trimmed Hats, in order to reduce the stock at once. Also special low prices on Felt Hats, Turbans and Bonnets. 50d&wtf MRS. BUSH, 144 North street.

JEROME FOLLETTE, Piano and Organ Tuner Fine tone and action regulating a specialty. All work guaranteed. Orders left at T. B. Dayton's Real Estate Agency, Room 1, Stern's Building, North St., Middletown, N. Y. 32d&wlyAug28'98

CAROLINA Tar Syrup cures coughs when other remedies fail. Proven a good thing by experiencee. Try it. 25c a bottle at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

FOR RENT—Double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families, city water. Barn if wanted. Low rent, desirable location. 11dtf F. C. EVERSON, 159 East Main street.

LADIES' and Gents' Suits and overcoats cleaned, dyed and pressed, gloves cleaned, ostrich plumes cleaned, dyed and curled. 86d3tuFeb2 J. A. AUSTIN, 93 Wickham Ave.

A BUSINESS EDUCATION—Railway and Commercial Systems practically taught—Stenography, typewriting and telegraphy, school of commerce No. 47 Washington street, Middletown, N. Y. Day and evening. Established 1895 69dlyFeb17 J. B. VANGELDER, Principal.

TWO Grain Quinine Pills 5 cents a dozen, 30 cents a hundred. Each pill guaranteed to contain two grains of pure sulphate of quinine, no better made. Get them at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

PAPER Hanging at 12½c a roll; also all kinds of painting. Estimates on all work cheerfully furnished. EMIL MARTINI, dtf Shop 5 Academy Ave.

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 7sd1yOc23,98

TO LET—Three very desirable rooms on 2d floor. Call at this office. 15dtf

Cottage Hotel Entertainments.

WEEK OF DEC. 6.

Matinees at 3. Evenings at 8.

The Two Deas, comedy, acrobatic, sketch; Miss Minnie Reinhart, comic songs, song and dance Miss Jennie Ward, serio-comic.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1897.

The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking rooms of the bank on Tuesday, January 11th, 1898, from 9 a. m. to 10 a. m. At this meeting will be considered the advisability of amending Article 3, of the articles of association of this bank, which article determines the number of directors to be elected.

18dtoJan11 SEYMOUR DEWITT, Cashier.

DISSOLETION—On the first day of December, 1897, the firm of Thomas C. and Fred C. Royce, Dentists, Middletown, N. Y., was dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by Dr. Thomas C. Royce, who will be assisted by Dr. A. Freeman Foote, late of Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. Foote is making a specialty of operative dentistry and is familiar with the application of electricity as its use for ameliorating pain attending dental operations. Crown and bridge work and dentistry in all its branches will receive prompt and careful attention at this office, corner of Main and South streets, over National Express Co.'s office. 15d&wtf THOMAS C. ROYCE.

24 Cts. a Pound Best Creamery Butter.

SLOAT'S Cash Store.

B. F. GORDON,

Practical Watchmaker, Jeweler and Engraver, 55 North St., Middletown

A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF OUR IMMENSE STOCK OF

Diamonds, Fine Jewelry, Solid Silver, Table and Hollow Ware, Cut Glass,

SILVER NOVELTIES

etc., requires too much space and would tax the patience of the reader. In selecting our holiday stock we have been particular to select the articles of

High Quality and Grace of Design and are prepared to offer

Goods of Real Merit at Astonishing Prices.

Fine Repairing a specialty. Letter, Monogram and Fancy Engraving skillfully executed.

B. F. GORDON,
55 North St., Middletown.

Follow the Crowd!

These busy days and come here. This store has proved its advantages as a shopping place for holiday gifts. The various departments began months ago to bring together this vast collection. What you find here, too, is priced on the close margin plan. Be careful that you don't chance to buy an article elsewhere and pay more for it. Twenty cents, fifty cents and one dollar saving are worth looking after—whether the list is a long or short one.

TOYS.

OUR up-to-date collection of the wonders and marvels of toydom includes all the old-time favorites, as well as the novelties of the day.

Juvenile Books, 5 to 48c.
Toy Dishes, 5 to 98c.
Iron Trains, 19c to $2.98.
Mechanical Iron Engines, 48c.
Iron Ranges, 39 to 48c.
Iron Banks, 10 to 98c.
Iron Boats, 25 and 48c.
Lead Soldiers, 25 to 98c.
Crandell's Treasure Box, 48c., value $1.
Toy Tool Chests, 25 to 98c.
Toy Bedroom Suits, 5 pieces, 48c.
Harmonicas, 5, 10, 15c.
Rubber Balls, 10, 15, 25c.
Ten Pins, 10, 25, 48, 69c.
Hair Horses, 19c to $1.25.
Noah Arks, 25, 48, 98c.
Toy Laundry Sets, 19, 25, 48c.
Toy Forts, 25, 48, 98c.
Tin Stoves, 10, 15, 25, 48c.
Musical Tops, 5, 10, 15, 25c.
Blocks, all Kinds, 5 to 48c.
Games, all the latest, 5c up.
Toy Accordeons, 25c.
Music Boxes, 48c to $1.48.
Soldier Sets, 25, 48, 98c.

HOLIDAY NOVELTIES

Sterling Silver Paper Cutters 25, 50c.
Sterling Silver Nail Files 25, 50c.
Sterling Silver Cuticle 25, 50c.
Sterling Silver Pen Knife 25c.
Sterling Silver Scissors 75c.
Sterling Silver Stocking Darner 48c.
Sterling Silver Umbrella Fasteners 19c.
Hand Mirrors 10, 15, 19, 48, 98c.
Silver Covered Puff Boxes 48c.
Bohemian Puff Boxes 69, 98c., $1.19.
Hat Brushes 19, 48, 75, 98c.
Dressing Cases 98c., $1.19, $1.48, $1.68.
Silver Ink Wells 19, 25, 48c.
Silver Jewel Boxes 15 to 98c.
Postage Stamp and Pen Boxes 19, 25c.
Silver Vaseline Stands 25c.
Candle Sticks, with Candles, 19, 25c.
Oxidized Pocket Combs 19c.
Raphael Tuck's Fine Calendars and Booklets 5c up.
Fine Umbrellas $1.48, $1.98, $2.48.
Picture Frames 19, 25, 39c.
Special Jardeniers 10, 25, 39, 49, 79c.
Fine Holiday Perfumes 25, 39, 49c.
Leather Cigar Holders 38, 48c.
Prepared Palms and Grasses 50c up.
Umbrella Tiles for Halls 98c.
Nickle Nut Picks 10c a set.
Nut Picks and Crackers 25, 39, 49c.
Cigar Stands, all kinds, 25c up.
Decorated Ash Trays 68c.
Fine Box Writing Paper 15, 25, 49c.
Celluloid Cuff and Collar Boxes 98c.
Dresser Sets, with 3 Doylies to match, 89c to $1.68.
Silver Novelty Lamps, with shade, 25c.
Silver Tipped Brush Brooms 19, 25c.
Silver Card Trays 19, 25, 48c.
Special Hair Brushes 25, 39, 48, 68c.
Swiss Wood Ink Wells 39, 69, 98c.
Glass and Metal Weights 19c up.

SEASONABLE GIFTS

That will go to hundreds of homes at prices figured down to the lowest notch of economy. A few of the many low prices we are making this month.

480 Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers at 98c., $1.48. The best value ever shown by any store.

108 tailor made Sateen Umbrella Underskirts 98c., $1.25, $1.48, $1.68, $1.98. Couldn't be better made.

600 Yards all wool Black Dress Goods at 35, 44, 59, 89c a yard. Less than the wholesale price.

Novelty Dress Patterns at $4.98, $5.98, $6.98, including all the linings.

25 Styles Silk Waist Patterns in 5-yard lengths of our elegant 98c quality, including all the linings, for $4.98.

75 Pairs Shaker Flannel and Wool Blankets at 49, 75, 98c., $1.98, $2.25, $3.98. The best values ever shown by any firm at the price.

50 Fine Taffeta and Gloria Silk close roll Umbrellas, with the latest swell handles, would make an elegant Christmas present, $1.48, $1.98, $2.50.

Pretty Dressing Sacques in grey, cardinal, pink, light blue and dainty stripes, perfect fitting, at 89, 98c., $1.19, $1.48.

25 Dozen White Aprons, fine for the holidays, 25 and 48c each.

11,000 Handkerchiefs for the holidays. Buy the special numbers we have at 10, 15, 25 and 48c. The best value ever shown by any firm at the price

Odd Lots and broken sizes from our Outing Underwear Sale at less than cost to close.

30 Dozen Ladies' Fast Black Seamless Fleece Lined Hose, double heels, 15c a pair, 2 pair for 25c.

Stamped Linens in all the novel holiday designs—Tray Cloths, Doylies, Scarfs and Center Pieces at the close margin prices that has made this store famous.

TOYS.

Knit Dolls, 5, 10, 15, 25, 39c.
Kid Body Dolls, 10 to 98c.
Dressed Dolls, 10 to 98c.
Dolls Heads, 5c up.
Doll Push Carts, 48c.
Doll Trunks, 39 to 98c.
Doll Cradles, 25 and 48c.
Toy Tables, round or square, 25c.
Targets, new, 5 and 10c.
Marble Arch, 15c.
Punch and Judy, 25c.
Who Hit the Coon, 48c.
Tin Trumpets, 5, 10, 15, 25c.
Wheelbarrows, 25c.
Wood Carts, 10, 25, 48c.
Circle Railways, 48, 98c., $1.48.
Large Box Paints, 10c.
Toy Sad Irons, 5, 10, 15, 25c.
Christmas Tree Candles, 10c a box.
Christmas Tree Ornaments, 15c a doz. up.
Doll Houses, 48 and 98c.
Toy Castors, 10, 15, 25c.
Magic Lanterns, 48, 89c., $1.48.
Electric Fountain, 48c.
Drums 19c up.
Doll Swings, 15 and 25c.
Mechanical Tin Toys, 15c up.
Toy Guns, 10c.

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They are a cash discount given by enterprising merchants that want your trade. ALWAYS ASK FOR THEM. We have stores in all the leading cities of the country. Our stamps are interchangeable, and will be redeemed at any of our stores. They are good everywhere. We are the originators of the Trading Stamps, and have over $500,000 invested.

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Mrs. I. C. Humphrey, Woodlawn avenue, Solid Oak Upholstered Rocker.
Mrs E. H. Russell, Oriental Hotel, Onyx Table.
Mrs. Brennan, No. 3 Lyon street, Solid Oak Upholstered Rocker.
Mr. L. L. Purdy, Holding House, Three Solid Oak Dining Chairs.
Mr. A. H. Johnson, Accordion.
Mrs. Dugan, 31 Beattie avenue, Three Solid Oak Dining Chairs.
Mrs J Rodman, Arlington Hotel, Fine Upholstered Rocker.
Mrs. E. Madden, 25 Highland avenue, Fine Upholstered Rocker.
Mrs. B. S. Dayton, 15 Hanford street, Camera.
Charles L Purdy, Banjo.
Mrs B. C. Woodward, 26 Highland avenue, Solid Oak Upholstered Rocker.
Mrs J F. Bennett, Bloomingburgh, 1 Onyx Table.
Mrs. Chas. Tyrell, 36 Smith St., ½ doz. each of Rogers' Silver Plated Knives and Forks.
Mr. Biddle, 82 East Main street, Mandolin.
Mrs. Flood, 22 Union street, Banquet Lamp.
Mrs. Doremus, 19 Mulberry street, Banquet Lamp.
Mrs. R E Hulse, 112 Fulton street, Three Dining Chairs.
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CHAS. J. KIDD, JR., 70 Academy avenue—3,000 designs in Wall Paper. Estimates furnished for painting, decorating and hanging. 71

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CLAIRVOYANT—PROF. W. H. SAGENDORF will return to Middletown, Dec. 28th, and remain one week at Wm. S. Roe's, 37 James street. 52d&wtf

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